Bill Status Report

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Ark Educational Administrators

HB 1007 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Puryear, Chad(R)
Rice, Terry(R)

To regulate liability for shooting sports events; and to provide immunity to certain individuals with respect to shooting sports events.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-03-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
03-03-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-06-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 248)

HB 1009 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)

To allow pregnancy to be a qualifying event for enrollment in certain health benefit plans.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-19-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce
03-18-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Insurance and Commerce
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 149 - H-Insurance and Commerce

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HB 1017 🟩🟩🟩🟩☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)
Davis, Breanne(R)

To amend the law regarding paid maternity leave for public school employees; and to require the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to pay for incurred costs for approved paid maternity leave.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 68/N: 19)
04-10-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-15-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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HB 1020 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)

To repeal the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program; to create a new education funding category for students who receive special education and related services; and to create the Community Schools Act Fund.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1021 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Garner, Denise(D)

To create the Early Childhood Education Workforce Quality Incentive Act; and to create an income tax credit for certain early childhood education workers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
11-20-24 H Filed
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Revenue and Taxation
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted

HB 1022 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)

To repeal performance-based incentive awards for public schools and open-enrollment public charter schools.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1023 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)

To amend the state teacher education program; and to amend the eligibility requirements for loan forgiveness and the loan repayment amounts under the state teacher education program.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-28-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HB 1024 🟩☐☐☐☐☐☐
Collins, Andrew(D)

To amend the law concerning public employees; and to repeal the law prohibiting collective bargaining.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-27-25 H Moved to deferred list H-State Agencies

HB 1025 McGruder, Jessie(D) To create the Teacher Fair Dismissal Act of 2025.
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Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-24-25 H Amendment(s) Filed
03-11-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-11-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed

HB 1028 Collins, Andrew(D) To amend provisions of the law concerning obscenity and the process for challenging materials included in a library; and to require a library to have a policy prohibiting book banning in order to receive state funding.
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Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-27-25 H Moved to deferred list H-State Agencies

HB 1030 Shephard, Tara(D) To require a school resource officer or law enforcement personnel to obtain certification in youth mental health first aid; and to require a school counselor to receive youth mental health first aid training.
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Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1031 Garner, Denise(D) To create the Arkansas Healthy Lifestyle Education Act of 2025; and to ensure the health curriculum in Arkansas public schools addresses certain health issues facing students.
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Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-16-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
01-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1051 Andrews, Wade(R) To amend the public school start date requirements.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-21-25 H Committee hearing set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
01-21-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education
03-18-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1055 Mayberry, Julie(R) To establish coverage diagnosis and treatment to slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia-related disease under the state and public school life and health insurance program.
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Remarks: Tabled-awaiting fiscal impact statement

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-03-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 3:30pm
04-03-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 74/N: 10)
04-03-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Insurance and Commerce

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HB 1060 Richardson, Scott(R) To require the perils of communism and autocratic governments be taught in all public schools.
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Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 6)
02-20-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-24-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 134)

HB 1062 Richardson, Scott(R) To create the Teacher and Student Protection Act of 2025.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-08-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-08-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)
04-09-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1065 Ray, David(R) To create the Inflation Reduction Act of 2025.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-05-25 H Meeting cancelled for 02/06/25 - H-Revenue and Taxation
02-07-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Revenue and Taxation
02-19-25 H Amendment 1 adopted

HB 1066 Ray, David(R) To increase the standard deduction.
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Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 02-05-25 H Meeting cancelled for 02/06/25 - H-Revenue and Taxation
02-07-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Revenue and Taxation
02-19-25 H Amendment 1 adopted

HB 1069 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Meeks, Stephen(R)

To observe standard time year-round and to eliminate daylight saving time in Arkansas.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 03-12-25 H Committee motion for D.P. as amended Failed
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies
04-02-25 H Moved to deferred list H-State Agencies

HB 1074 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Ray, David(R)
Crowell, Steve(R)

To amend the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund; and to require a higher vote threshold for using moneys in the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund for purposes other than property tax relief.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 02-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 32/N: 1)
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 121)
04-14-25 G Reported from committee - Do pass S-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1081 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
McKenzie, Brit(R)

To repeal additional funding for the development and administration of professional learning communities.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-09-25 H Motion to withdraw from committee carried H-Education
04-09-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1082 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To create the Arkansas Children and Teens Online Privacy Protection Act.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 03-12-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military
03-11-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration
03-11-25 H Motion to withdraw from committee carried H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military

HB 1083 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To create the Arkansas Kids Online Safety Act.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 03-12-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military
03-11-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration
03-11-25 H Motion to withdraw from committee carried H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military

HB 1085 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Brown, Karilyn(R)
English, Jane(R)

To adopt federal law concerning tax-deferred tuition savings programs; and to amend the income tax liability for rollover contributions from an Arkansas Brighter Future Fund plan to a Roth individual retirement account.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-10-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Revenue and Taxation
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)

HB 1117 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Richardson, Scott(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

Concerning the administration of instruction on firearm safety in public school districts and open-enrollment public charter schools.

Remarks: Oppose-We support guns safety, but have concerns about legislating curriculum and teaching gun safety every year due to other existing time commitments.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 02-27-25 S On floor for consideration in the Senate at 1:37pm
02-27-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 28/N: 5)
03-04-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 229)

HB 1126 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Joint Budget( )

An act for the Department of Education - Office of Early Childhood appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)
04-14-25 S Emergency clause adopted

HB 1139 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
McKenzie, Brit(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

To create the Released Time Education Act.

Remarks: Oppose as written. We are supportive of a person's right to worship, but there is not enough structure to the current bill. There are concerns about implementation and ensuring that students still maintain academic success. Seeking amendment.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 01-28-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
01-31-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education
04-10-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1140 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)

To define healthcare provider regarding student athlete concussion education.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-04-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
02-18-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
03-18-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1144 Wooten, Jim(R)
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To require a participating school under the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program to comply with the same statutory and Department of Education reporting requirements to which public schools are subject.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-03-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education
02-13-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
02-11-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed

HB 1151 Joint Budget( )
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An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-19-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-20-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-24-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 186)

HB 1152 Joint Budget( )
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An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 S Emergency clause adopted
04-08-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 544)

HB 1154 Warren, Les(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)
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To enact the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System's General Omnibus; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 222)

HB 1155 Warren, Les(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)
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To create a rebuttable presumption of qualification for disability retirement benefits under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 223)

HB 1156 Warren, Les(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)
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To amend the law concerning the eligibility of a surviving spouse for survivor annuity benefits under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 224)

HB 1157 Perry, Mark(D)
Boyd, Justin(R)
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To amend the law concerning survivor annuity benefits for dependent children under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 225)

HB 1158 Perry, Mark(D)
Love, Fred(D)
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To amend the law concerning the election of a distribution option under the Teacher Deferred Retirement Option Plan; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 226)

HB 1160 Moore, Kendra(R)
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To amend the law concerning permissive service credit for gap year service under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 227)

HB 1161
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Moore, Kendra(R)
To clarify the law concerning an election to change annuity options within one year of retirement under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-24-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 228)

HB 1166
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Johnson, Lee(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)
To clarify the types of epinephrine for use in elementary and secondary schools in this state.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-03-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
03-04-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-06-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 245)

HB 1179
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
To create child and adolescent mental health screening programs in schools and childcare facilities for children from birth to nineteen years of age.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-03-25 H Amendment(s) Filed
02-04-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
02-11-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1180
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Bentley, Mary(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)
To create the Baby Olivia Act

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-12-25 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
03-13-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Education
03-31-25 S Motion to extract from committee failed (Vote: Y: 11/N: 15)

HB 1189
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
Leding, Greg(D)
To amend novice teacher mentoring requirements under the Teacher Excellence and Support System; and for other purposes.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)
02-20-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-24-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 135)

HB 1190
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
To create an income tax exemption for teachers.

Remarks: Support-requesting additional staff be included.

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
01-27-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Revenue and Taxation
03-13-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-Revenue and Taxation
03-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1192
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Pilkington, Aaron(R)
To prohibit the possession of tobacco, tobacco products, and e-cigarettes at public schools; and to require the parent of a student who is found using, possessing, or smoking tobacco, tobacco products, or e-cigarettes to pay a fine.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-24-25 H Meeting cancelled for 02/25/25 - H-Rules
02-27-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-09-25 H Meeting set for 12:00 p.m. - MAC Room B - H-Rules

HB 1197
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Meeks, Stephen(R)
To prohibit scheduling, hosting, or requiring an outdoor practice, scrimmage, game, or activity for an extracurricular activity during the hours when an excessive heat warning has been declared.

Remarks: Tabled-meeting with sponsor to review current practices for heat safety

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-22-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
01-28-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
01-31-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1199
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Barker, Sonia(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)
To repeal the statute concerning the prohibition against a school district board of directors granting a legal transfer under certain conditions.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-17-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 1:55pm
02-17-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 118)

HB 1215
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Bentley, Mary(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)
To authorize a coach or athletics personnel member of the opposite sex to address, supervise, or treat student athletes in a multiple occupancy restroom or changing area under certain conditions.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 02-17-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 1:57pm
02-17-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 119)

HB 1219
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Richardson, Scott(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)

To require law enforcement agencies and public entities that employ law enforcement officers to provide body-worn cameras; and to require the recording of law enforcement interaction with the public.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 01-30-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 149 - H-Judiciary
01-31-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Judiciary
02-06-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1236
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Carr, Joey(R)
Davis, Breanne(R)

To allow a public school employee to be released from his or her contract by a certain date upon his or her written request; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 02-11-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
02-11-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
02-11-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 53)

HB 1239
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Collins, Andrew(D)

To amend the Public School Funding Act of 2003; and to add an additional category of funding for special education funding.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 01-27-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
02-04-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
02-03-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1242
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Mayberry, Julie(R)

To amend the mechanism by which school nurses are compensated.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 59/N: 18)
04-09-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1245
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Clowney, Nicole(D)
Irvin, Missy(R)

To create the Arkansas Behavior Analyst Registration Act.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 03-31-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 3
03-31-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-03-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 432)

HB 1254
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Johnson, Lee(R)
Irvin, Missy(R)

To authorize a licensed psychological practitioner to practice independently in this state; and to remove the independent practice privileges from psychological examiners.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

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Bill History:
03-31-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
03-31-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-03-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 433)

HB 1283
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Mayberry, Julie(R)
English, Jane(R)

To require the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish kindergarten through grade twelve digital media standards.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 65/N: 15)
04-07-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1305
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Andrews, Wade(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To require the State Board of Education to issue a teaching license to an individual who does not meet traditional or alternative licensure requirements under certain conditions.

Remarks: Oppose-This could open up licensure too broadly. Many pathways already available. Could have unintended consequences.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
01-29-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
02-18-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
02-18-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1312
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Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend public school funding amounts under the Public School Funding Act of 2003.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1317
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Shepherd, Matthew(R)
Gilmore, Ben(R)

To amend laws concerning fraud against the government to include fraud against a state-supported retirement system.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)
02-13-25 S Emergency clause adopted
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 112)

HB 1323
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McAlindon, Mindy(R)

To limit the investment of Arkansas's pension and retirement system funds in entities closely connected with the People's Republic of China and its governing Communist Party of China. (Shell bill)

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-30-25 H Filed
01-30-25 H Introduced and referred to Joint Retirement

HB 1327
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Warren, Les(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)

To amend the law concerning the eligibility of certain retired employees under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-31-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
04-01-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-03-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 451)

HB 1344
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Warren, Les(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; and to correct the name of the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf under Title 24 of the Arkansas Code.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-08-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)
04-08-25 S Emergency clause adopted
04-09-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1347
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Warren, Les(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)

To allow the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System to pay an annuity or benefit owed to a person to a special needs trust established for the benefit of the person.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-17-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
03-18-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 363)

HB 1349
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Warren, Les(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To amend the law concerning benefits under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. (Shell bill)

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-30-25 H Filed
02-03-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Journal Committee
03-17-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1352
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Beaty, Howard(R)
Johnson, Blake(R)

To amend various laws concerning actions related to certain foreign entities.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-State Agencies
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1365
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Brown, Karilyn(R)

To remove racial and gender quotas and qualifications of membership for certain boards, committees, councils, and commissions.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-08-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies
04-08-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-State Agencies
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1370
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Mayberry, Julie(R)

Concerning making up missed school days; and to require a public school district to include additional days or hours, as applicable, in its school calendar for the purpose of making up missed school days.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-31-25 S Amendment(s) Filed
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-09-25 S Committee hearing set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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HB 1398
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Johnson, Lee(R)
Wallace, Dave(R)

To require schools to support, establish, and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that integrates nationally recognized elements.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
03-19-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 352)

HB 1402
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Pilkington, Aaron(R)
Scott, Jamie(D)

To amend Initiated Act 1 of 2000, also known as the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act; and to direct the Arkansas Minority Health Commission to establish and administer a grant program for school-based health centers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-04-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
02-06-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
02-18-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1446
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Lundstrum, Robin(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-24-25 H Amendment(s) Filed
02-25-25 H Amendment 3 adopted
03-17-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - MAC Room A - H-Education

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HB 1451
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Lundstrum, Robin(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend the definition of a student under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Passed over on calendar
03-18-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 353)

HB 1457
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Johnson, Lee(R)

To require public schools to submit data and other information related to a public school student's individualized education program using a uniform statewide data collection system.

Remarks: Tabled-Seeking more information from sponsor.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-11-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-10-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education
04-01-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1477
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Barker, Sonia(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

To allow the governing body of an open-enrollment public charter school to submit an applicant for consideration for the Arkansas Teacher of the Year.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
03-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 303)

HB 1480
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Andrews, Wade(R)

To amend the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; and to amend the definition of "approved institution of higher education."

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-17-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - MAC Room A - H-Education
03-18-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1482
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)
To create an exception to the school attendance requirements for a student who takes a GED test and receives a GED.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-05-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education
03-18-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1483
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)
To allow a public school district to use state funds to pay for an adult education program with which it contracts.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 91/N: 2)
04-07-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1484
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
To limit the number of credits a student may obtain in a course credit recovery program.

Remarks: Support due to amendments

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Education
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1490
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Wardlaw, Jeff(R)
To repeal the requirement that a public school student return temporarily issued items, resources, materials, and property belonging to a public school in order to be eligible to enroll in a home school.

Remarks: Oppose-Process in place works and concerns about items bought with federal funds

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-17-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-06-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-07-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1492
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
To require each public school district and open-enrollment public charter school to implement a mobile panic alert system.

Remarks: Table to seek clarity on funding and flexibiltiy for districts to choose what they already have.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-19-25 H Amendment 2 adopted
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-14-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1494
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Hawk, RJ(R)
Hill, Ricky(R)
To create the Arkansas Guidance Out of the Darkness Act; and to require state agencies to publish federal guidance documents online.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-17-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
02-26-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies
02-27-25 H Moved to deferred list H-State Agencies

HB 1495
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Hawk, RJ(R)
Dees, Tyler(R)
Requires transfer of a student's permanent school record, including disciplinary actions, when a student transfers schools.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-07-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1496
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Andrews, Wade(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)
To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code to ensure Arkansas students are taught by qualified teachers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-13-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
03-13-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 28/N: 4)
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 304)

HB 1512
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Shepherd, Matthew(R)
Dismang, Jonathan(R)
To create the Arkansas ACCESS Act; and to amend various provisions of the Arkansas Code as they relate to education in the state of Arkansas.

Companions: SB 246 Dismang, Jonathan (Same As)
3-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 340)

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 6)
03-18-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 341)

HB 1513
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Shepherd, Matthew(R)
Dismang, Jonathan(R)
To amend the law concerning lottery-funded scholarships. (Shell bill)

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 02-17-25 H Filed
02-17-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Journal Committee

HB 1528 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
McGruder, Jessie(D)
Scott, Jamie(D)
To require a report card to include a student's current reading grade level.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 02-19-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-04-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-03-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1534 🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜
Schulz, Bart(R)
Crowell, Steve(R)
To increase the homestead property tax credit.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 03-03-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 96/N: 0)
03-03-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Revenue and Taxation
03-12-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1536 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟥⬜
McElroy, Mark(R)
Wallace, Dave(R)
To withhold state transportation funding from a school district that does not require passenger restraint systems in school buses under certain conditions.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 03-17-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Transportation, Technology & Leg. Affairs
03-19-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
03-19-25 S Failed (Vote: N: 25/Y: 4)

HB 1539 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Collins, Andrew(D)
To amend the Public School Funding Act of 2003; and to add an additional education category of funding for special education.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 02-20-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-06-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-07-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1541 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Wooten, Jim(R)
To require a private school that accepts state funding of any type to provide transportation to certain students enrolled in the school.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 02-20-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-04-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-04-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Education

HB 1542 🟩🟨⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Wooten, Jim(R)
To require private schools to administer an annual statewide student assessment; and to require private schools to admit each student who applies for admission and intends to cover private school costs with state funding.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 02-20-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
03-04-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
03-04-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 8/N: 11)

HB 1545 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Brown, Karilyn(R)
English, Jane(R)
To amend the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-07-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
04-08-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 501)

HB 1560 🟩🟩🟥⬜⬜⬜⬜
McGrew, Richard(R)
Caldwell, Ronald(R)
To amend the law concerning public works contracts; and to require pricing information for lighting components for public works projects.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 03-13-25 H Placed on the House calendar
03-13-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 3:31pm
03-13-25 H Failed (Vote: N: 42/Y: 35)

HB 1571 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Ray, David(R)
Davis, Breanne(R)
To amend the Arkansas Adult Diploma Program Act.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 04-07-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
04-08-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 502)

HB 1580 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Petty, Jim(R)
To require schools to provide certain information on Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes when other health information is provided.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 1)
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1598
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Brooks, Keith(R)
English, Jane(R)

To require the Department of Education to establish a new accountability system for public schools; and to remove public schools from school ratings for certain school years.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-01-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 1)
04-02-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-08-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 474)

HB 1601
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Johnson, Lee(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To require state-supported institutions of higher education to provide career counseling and other resources to certain students.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
03-19-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 354)

HB 1633
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Brooks, Keith(R)
Hester, Bart(R)

To amend eligibility requirements for participating in extracurricular activities for certain students who transfer schools; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-02-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-02-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-08-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 475)

HB 1640
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Duke, Hope(R)
Sullivan, Dan(R)

To amend the definition of "administrator" as it relates to ethical guidelines and prohibitions; and to amend the restrictions on employment specific to public school administrators.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-01-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 1)
04-02-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-08-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 476)

HB 1642
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To amend the measures considered when calculating a school rating; and to ensure a student is not counted as a dropout for purposes of calculating a school-level graduation rate if the student passes a GED test.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Education
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1643
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Dalby, Carol(R)
Irvin, Missy(R)

To allow a current or former employer to disclose substantiated allegations of sexual abuse or harassment by the current or former employee to a prospective employer upon written consent.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
03-19-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 369)

HB 1646
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McGrew, Richard(R)
McKee, Matt(R)

To require certain materials to be stored in locked compartments within a designated area in K-5 media centers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Failed (Vote: N: 6/Y: 16)
04-14-25 S Motion to expunge vote carried
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1650
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Ray, David(R)

An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Career and Technical Education Adult Diploma Program appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-03-25 H Filed
03-03-25 H Introduced and referred to Joint Budget

HB 1651
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)

An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Public School Fund - R.I.S.E. Arkansas appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-03-25 H Filed
03-03-25 H Introduced and referred to Joint Budget

HB 1666
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Meeks, Stephen(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)

To amend the law concerning the Arkansas Self-funded Cyber Response Program.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-10-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 2:47pm
04-10-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-10-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1667
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Bentley, Mary(R)
Clark, Alan(R)

To amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1967; and to amend the law concerning public meetings under the Freedom of Information Act of 1967.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-04-25 H Filed
03-04-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
03-12-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

HB 1672
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McCollum, Austin(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code to create a more efficient system for public schools of innovation in Arkansas.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 32/N: 0)
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1683
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McAlindon, Mindy(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)

To prohibit the procurement by a governmental entity of an electric vehicle or a component of an electric vehicle that was manufactured in whole or in part using forced labor.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for Upon adjournment of JBC - Room 309 - S-State Agencies
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-State Agencies
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1684
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McAlindon, Mindy(R)
Sullivan, Dan(R)

To create the Parents and Teachers Helping Students Succeed (PATHS) Act.

Remarks: No position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-31-25 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
03-31-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 2/N: 6)
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1689
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Shepherd, Matthew(R)
Wallace, Dave(R)

To require a public high school to grant access to its facilities to military recruiters; and to require certain state-supported postsecondary institutions to grant access to their facilities to military recruiters.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-18-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
03-19-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 355)

HB 1705
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Duke, Hope(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

To require information concerning how the religious and moral beliefs of the founding fathers influenced the founding of the United States to be embedded into existing social studies standards.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-02-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 28/N: 5)
04-03-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-08-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 478)

HB 1710 Vaught, DeAnn(R) To prohibit a school from using or referencing a public school rating in any advertising, promotional material, or communication directed to the public.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-10-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-08-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1715 Lundstrum, Robin(R) To limit the increase in the assessed value of real property after a sale or other transfer of real property.
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Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-10-25 H Filed
03-10-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Revenue and Taxation
04-15-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-Revenue and Taxation

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HB 1717 Gramlich, Zachary(R) To create the Arkansas Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Aging, Children, Legislative & Military
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1719 Vaught, DeAnn(R) To amend the days included in the total number of maternity leave days approved by a school that offers maternity leave.
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Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1724 McKenzie, Brit(R) To amend the law concerning local school boards of directors and school board elections; and to amend the date on which an election of a school district board of directors is held.
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Remarks: Oppose in current form due to concerns about continuity. Amendment requested to allow for 6-year terms to help with continuity.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-08-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-08-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 503)

HB 1726 Gramlich, Zachary(R) To create the Arkansas Kids Online Safety Act.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Judiciary
03-19-25 S Committee hearing set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Judiciary
03-19-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1727 Johnson, Lee(R) To amend the funding available to adult education charter schools.
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Remarks: Table to reach out to sponsor.

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-19-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-14-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1731 Vaught, DeAnn(R) To strengthen child labor laws through the reinstatement of employment certificates.
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Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-18-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
03-17-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-08-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1732 Vaught, DeAnn(R) To increase the amount of the income tax deduction allowed for a teacher's classroom investment.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-10-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Revenue and Taxation
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)

HB 1733
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Carr, Joey(R)
Caldwell, Ronald(R)

To amend various provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the Arkansas Better Chance Program Act.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-07-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
04-08-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 504)

HB 1747
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)

To create the Babies at School Act; and to allow schools to permit employees who are parents to bring their infants six months or younger to work.

Remarks: No Position, but have concerns about health, safety, and potential for class disruption.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-12-25 H Filed
03-12-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-10-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1755
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Shephard, Tara(D)
Scott, Jamie(D)

To require each public school to participate in the Arkansas Prevention Needs Assessment Survey.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-01-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-01-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1756
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)

To allow a parent, legal guardian, or person standing in loco parentis to a student to document and maintain the community service hours the student obtains.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 2:43pm
04-14-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1761
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Garner, Denise(D)

To increase fiscal responsibility through the establishment of income limits for students eligible for Educational Freedom Accounts in the 2025-2026 school year and thereafter.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-03-25 H Meeting set for Upon adournment - Room 138 - H-Education
04-03-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 1/N: 5)
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1793
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Duke, Hope(R)

To amend the law concerning the use of positive behavioral supports in public school districts.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 5)
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1799
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
Tucker, Clarke(D)

To amend the permissible methods of reporting under the Child Maltreatment Act.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 35/N: 0)
04-10-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1805
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Childress, Paul(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)

To amend the definition of "bullying"; and to create a process whereby a public school may conduct multiple, simultaneous investigations into the same allegation of bullying under certain circumstances.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 34/N: 0)
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1806
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To provide curriculum transparency for parents of kindergarten through grade twelve students; and to allow a parent to review and opt out of selected library media materials for his or her child.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-10-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 55/N: 25)
04-10-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1810
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Carr, Joey(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Education
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1812
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Gramlich, Zachary(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To amend the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act; to create an exception to attendance requirements for a student who takes a GED test; and to amend the score requirements for the GED test.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-Education
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

HB 1817
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Johnson, Lee(R)
Boyd, Justin(R)

To establish Elijah's Law in Arkansas; and to require the Department of Health and the Department of Education to establish a statewide anaphylaxis policy for childcare facilities.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 32/N: 0)
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1821
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Wardlaw, Jeff(R)
Gilmore, Ben(R)

To create a more sustainable system of property insurance for public schools, institutions of higher education, and state-owned property; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-08-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 32/N: 0)
04-08-25 S Emergency clause adopted
04-09-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1822
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Underwood, Kendon(R)

The Overtime but not Overtaxed Act.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-18-25 H Filed
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Revenue and Taxation
04-03-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1825
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Wooldridge, Jeremy(R)

To allow a public high school to require an enrolled student to earn one unit of credit in a computer science or computer science-related career and technical education course in order to graduate.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-08-25 H Committee motion for D.P. as amended Failed
04-09-25 H Motion to withdraw from committee carried H-Education
04-09-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1836
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Lundstrum, Robin(R)
Hammer, Kim(R)

To require all public entities to post video recordings of public meetings; and to require all public meetings to be recorded in video format.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-18-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies
03-31-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1864
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Andrews, Wade(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code to improve efficiency in student instruction; and to create a standardized flexible school calendar system for public schools.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-03-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-08-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1866
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Brooks, Keith(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To create Eli's Law; and to require each public school to install an audio recording device in each locker room and dressing room on the public school campus.

Remarks: Oppose-School safety is important, but need a clear funding mechanism.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 2:30pm
04-14-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1874
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McKenzie, Brit(R)
Davis, Breanne(R)

An Act to amend the use of professional development funding that exceeds the maximum amount awarded to public schools for public school teachers under the Public School Funding Act of 2003.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1890
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Mayberry, Julie(R)

To allow school districts to bill for healthcare services; and to require the Arkansas Medicaid program to reimburse districts for certain healthcare services.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-21-25 H Filed
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor

HB 1894 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Beaty, Howard(R)
Gilmore, Ben(R)

To establish a method of valuation for real property used for affordable housing; and to establish a method of valuation for certain real property under Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 5.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Revenue and Taxation
04-10-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Revenue and Taxation
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 32/N: 1)

HB 1903 🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜
Walker, Steven(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code to provide school districts with flexibility regarding alternative learning environments.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 5)
04-09-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-15-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1907 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

To amend the income tax deduction for depreciation and the expensing of property; and to adopt federal income tax law concerning the deduction for depreciation and the expensing of property.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-31-25 H Filed
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Revenue and Taxation
04-02-25 H Moved to deferred list H-Revenue and Taxation

HB 1911 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Lundstrum, Robin(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

To amend the law concerning the assessment of property for the purpose of property tax; and to repeal the requirement that personal property subject to taxation be listed or reported by the property owner.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-31-25 H Filed
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to H-City, County and Local Affairs
04-07-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - MAC Room B - H-City, County and Local Affairs

HB 1912 🟩🟨⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Lundstrum, Robin(R)
Bryant, Joshua(R)

To amend the definition of "assessed value" for purposes of the assessment of property; and to establish a method or procedure for the valuation of property for taxation purposes under Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 5.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-02-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - MAC B - H-City, County and Local Affairs
04-02-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 1/N: 4)
04-07-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - MAC Room B - H-City, County and Local Affairs

HB 1919 🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜
McAlindon, Mindy(R)
Dotson, Jim(R)

To create the Public School Access and Transparency Act; and to require public access to learning materials.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-10-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 83/N: 8)
04-10-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-15-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

HB 1924 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Puryear, Chad(R)

To repeal the requirement that the State Board of Education establish rules regarding the implementation of four-day school weeks.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-31-25 H Filed
03-31-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

HB 1933 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜
McCollum, Austin(R)
Irvin, Missy(R)

To amend the law concerning a school district board of directors; and to create a recall election and petition for removal for a member of a school district board of directors.

Remarks: Opposed-No recall for other elected officials.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1938 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Carr, Joey(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the creation of district strategic plans and the responsibility of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)

HB 1939 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Carr, Joey(R)
English, Jane(R)

To amend eligibility for teacher incentive and merit pay; to amend requirements for summative evaluations; and to amend school district requirements under the Merit Teacher Incentive Fund Program.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 30/N: 3)

HB 1940
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Walker, Steven(R)
Crowell, Steve(R)

To establish the requirements for a public school district that initiates and maintains a four-day school week; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support Local Control with amendments needed to clarify funding.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-01-25 H Amendment(s) Filed
04-02-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HB 1941
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Carr, Joey(R)
English, Jane(R)

Concerning Department of Education boards and commissions; and to protect Arkansas students by ensuring the efficient disposition of ethics complaints against teachers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-14-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-14-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 33/N: 0)

HB 1945
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McCollum, Austin(R)

To amend the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act; to amend the Public School Choice Act of 2015; and to allow a student to transfer to another public school within his or her resident district.

Remarks: Oppose in favor of SB482

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 59/N: 30)
04-09-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-15-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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HB 1946
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Bentley, Mary(R)
Penzo, Clint(R)

To require human growth and development instruction in public schools.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-08-25 S Received in the Senate - Referred to S-Education
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-09-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 2/N: 2)

HB 1958
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Meeks, Stephen(R)
English, Jane(R)

To require public entities to create a policy concerning the authorized use of artificial intelligence.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 2:47pm
04-14-25 H House concurred in Senate amendment 1
04-14-25 H Enrolled in the House - Sent to Governor

HB 1962
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Vaught, DeAnn(R)
Davis, Breanne(R)

To prohibit a school from serving or selling ultra-processed food on the school campus during the normal school day.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-01-25 H Filed
04-01-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HB 1973
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McKenzie, Brit(R)

To provide that a governmental body shall not use state or local funds to enter into a contract with a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying on behalf of the governmental body.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies
04-07-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

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HB 1977
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Bentley, Mary(R)
Clark, Alan(R)

To create the Protecting Childhood Innocence in Libraries Act.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-02-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-08-25 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education
04-08-25 H Pulled down with no committee motion H-Education

HB 1986
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Nazarenko, Jason(R)
Wallace, Dave(R)

Concerning excused absences for children of fallen service members and children of fallen first responders.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-14-25 S Reported from committee - Do pass S-Education
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

HB 1996 Gramlich, Zachary(R) To amend the child labor laws enacted by Initiated Act 1 of 1914; to establish an educational alternative to civil penalties for certain violations; and to create educational materials related to child labor.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-15-25 H Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 130 - H-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-14-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HB 1999 Garner, Denise(D) To require the Secretary of the Department of Education to provide information regarding the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to certain students.
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Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Filed
04-07-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HB 2000 Wardlaw, Jeff(R) To amend the law concerning education service cooperatives, public school districts, and open-enrollment public charter schools. (Shell bill)
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Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Filed
04-07-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HB 2002 Wardlaw, Jeff(R) To amend the Education Service Cooperative Act of 1985.
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Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 H Filed
04-09-25 H Introduced and referred to H-Education
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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HJR1006 McKenzie, Brit(R) An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution providing that a governmental body shall not use state or local funds to enter into a contract with a lobbyist for lobbying purposes.
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Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
01-13-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies
04-03-25 H Withdrawn from further consideration

HJR1008 Meeks, Stephen(R) An Amendment to the Arkansas Constitution concerning the taxation of personal property and real property in the state of Arkansas.
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Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
01-28-25 H Filed
01-28-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

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HJR1012 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜ Richardson, Scott(R)

An amendment to the Arkansas Constitution to repeal provisions concerning the reappraisal and reassessment of real property; and to amend Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 79, concerning real property taxes.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-10-25 H Introduced and referred to H-State Agencies
03-31-25 H Meeting set for Upon adjournment - Room 151 - H-State Agencies

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SB 3 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Sullivan, Dan(R)

To prohibit discrimination or preferential treatment by the state of Arkansas and other public entities.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-12-25 S Senate concurred in House amendment
02-13-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 116)

SB 59 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Dismang, Jonathan(R)
Gramlich, Zachary(R)

To provide a public school student with one breakfast at no cost each school day upon his or her request, without consideration of the public school student's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-17-25 S Senate concurred in House amendment
02-17-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 123)

SB 64 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Joint Budget( )

An act for the Department of Education - Educational Television Division appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Emergency clause adopted
04-08-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 532)

SB 66 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Joint Budget( )

An act for the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-11-25 H Emergency clause adopted
02-11-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-11-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 61)

SB 89 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 English, Jane(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend the information that a school district shall provide electronically with respect to its school district board of directors.

Remarks: Tabled-Awaiting amendment on special meetings.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-17-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 95/N: 1)
02-17-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 120)

SB 90 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜ English, Jane(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To require members of the public to be afforded the opportunity to present public comment at each meeting of a school district board of directors.

Remarks: Oppose in the current form. Asking sponsor to seek amendment to codify current policy retaining local control and protecting student and staff rights.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 81/N: 10)
04-14-25 S Received from House as amended - Calendar
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

SB 93 🟩🟩🟥⬜⬜⬜⬜ Joint Budget( )

An Act for the Department of Education Appropriation for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H Passed over on calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 134 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Irvin, Missy(R)
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

To amend the law concerning the Public School Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission; and to amend the law concerning the State Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-19-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 90/N: 0)
02-20-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-24-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 143)

SB 135 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩 Boyd, Justin(R)
Gramlich, Zachary(R)

To amend election requirements in the case of an unchanged rate of an annual ad valorem property tax levied by a public school district board of directors.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 03-19-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 81/N: 5)
03-20-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-25-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 399)

SB 138
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Boyd, Justin(R)
Gramlich, Zachary(R)

To amend the law concerning war reenactments at schools; and to permit an unloaded firearm or replica of a firearm at certain war reenactments at schools.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 02-14-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Education
02-17-25 S Motion to withdraw from committee carried S-Education
02-17-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 142
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Dees, Tyler(R)
Eubanks, Jon(R)

To create the Bell to Bell, No Cell Act; and to amend the requirements for public school discipline policies with regard to student use of personal electronic devices.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 02-18-25 S Senate concurred in House amendment
02-18-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 122)

SB 148
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English, Jane(R)

Concerning the membership of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. (Shell bill)

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-07-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 78/N: 10)
04-09-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-09-25 S Amendment(s) Filed

SB 149
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English, Jane(R)

To amend public school funding amounts under the Public School Funding Act of 2003.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H Passed over on calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 151
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Johnson, Mark(R)
Andrews, Wade(R)

To amend law concerning retirement benefits; and to prohibit collection of benefits by members, retirants, or beneficiaries of retirement systems who have been convicted of certain offenses.

Remarks: Oppose-Concerns about forfeiture of benefits.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 03-21-25 S Amendment(s) Filed
03-31-25 S Amendment 1 adopted
04-01-25 S Committee hearing set for 8:00 a.m. - MAC Room B - Joint Retirement

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SB 152
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Dotson, Jim(R)

To amend the law concerning credited service under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System. (Shell bill)

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 01-30-25 S Filed
01-30-25 S Introduced and referred to Joint Retirement

SB 164
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Dotson, Jim(R)

To authorize a public school to employ or accept as a volunteer a chaplain.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 02-04-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
02-04-25 S On floor for consideration in the Senate at 2:33pm
02-04-25 S Failed (Vote: N: 11/Y: 13)

SB 167
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Clark, Alan(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend the dates by which certain requests to transfer public schools or public school districts shall be submitted.

Remarks: Oppose-Current May 1st Date allows for staffing decisions and parents can use board-to-board transfers if needed each month.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-08-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-08-25 S Senate concurred in House amendment
04-09-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 172
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Tucker, Clarke(D)
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

To make technical corrections to Title 6 of the Arkansas Code concerning education.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 02-19-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 90/N: 0)
02-20-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-24-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 165)

SB 183
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Dotson, Jim(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend the Universal ACT Assessment Program Act; and to amend the types of assessments public schools may provide to students.

Remarks: Table-Seeking clarity from sponsor.

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:51pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 87/N: 0)

SB 200
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Hammer, Kim(R)
Hawk, RJ(R)

To include textbooks and other instructional materials that are leased in the exemption from the gross receipts tax.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-12-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 98/N: 0)
03-13-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 329)

SB 205
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Clark, Alan(R)
McCollum, Austin(R)

To amend the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act; and to amend the Public School Choice Act of 2015.

Remarks: Oppose-concerned about transfers during the year and capacity. This appears to include all K-12.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-13-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Education
03-31-25 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
03-31-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 2/N: 6)

SB 206
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Crowell, Steve(R)
Burkes, Rebecca(R)

To amend the Right to Read Act; and to amend the amount of the literacy tutoring grant awarded under the Right to Read Act.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-24-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 96/N: 0)
02-24-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 195)

SB 215
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Bryant, Joshua(R)
McKenzie, Brit(R)

To amend the permissible uses for real estate donated by a public school district; and to amend the Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities Program Act.

Remarks: Oppose-Many districts may have projects or partnerships that may be negatively impacted.

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-11-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
02-17-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
02-20-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Education

SB 223
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Johnson, Mark(R)
Brown, Alyssa(R)

To create the Religious Rights at Public schools Act of 2025.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-19-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 79/N: 17)
03-20-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-25-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 400)

SB 226
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Leding, Greg(D)
McKenzie, Brit(R)

To amend the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act and to modify the requirements for professional development in school districts related to sudden cardiac arrest.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
03-05-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 93/N: 1)
03-05-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-06-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 247)

SB 227
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Tucker, Clarke(D)
Eubanks, Jon(R)

To amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 and to amend the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 concerning public meetings.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-07-25 S Senate concurred in House amendment
04-08-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 505)

SB 228
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Hammer, Kim(R)
Hawk, RJ(R)

Concerning a waiver for a renewed background check granted by a board of directors of an educational entity to an applicant for a nonlicensed staff position.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-26-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 96/N: 0)
02-26-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
02-27-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 197)

SB 232
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Hickey, Jimmy(R)
Cozart, Bruce(R)

To amend various provisions of the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-31-25 H Emergency clause adopted
04-01-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-03-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 429)

SB 239
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Scott, Jamie(D)
McGruder, Jessie(D)

To require a report card to include a student's current reading grade level.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
02-19-25 S Amendment 1 adopted
02-26-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
02-27-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Education

SB 243 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Hickey, Jimmy(R)

To amend the law regarding lottery-funded scholarship programs. (Shell bill)

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
02-17-25 S Filed
02-17-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
03-17-25 S Meeting set for Upon adjournment - MAC Room A - S-Education

SB 246 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Dismang, Jonathan(R)
Shepherd, Matthew(R)

To create the Arkansas ACCESS Act; and to amend various provisions of the Arkansas Code as they relate to education in the state of Arkansas.

Companions: HB 1512 Shepherd, Matthew (Same As)
3-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 341)

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-17-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 17)
03-18-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 340)

SB 248 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Tucker, Clarke(D)
Eubanks, Jon(R)

To amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1967; and to amend the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act of 1967 concerning personnel records.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
02-18-25 S Introduced and referred to S-State Agencies
02-25-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies
02-27-25 S Moved to deferred list S-State Agencies

SB 252 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Dismang, Jonathan(R)
Wardlaw, Jeff(R)

To inform the public of health risks caused by vapor products and e-liquid products; and to ensure the safety of Arkansas youth.

Remarks: Table to seek clarity

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-07-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 9:07pm
04-07-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 87/N: 3)
04-09-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 263 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Crowell, Steve(R)
Schulz, Bart(R)

To increase the homestead property tax credit.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-12-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 99/N: 0)
03-13-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-18-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 330)

SB 266 🟩🟨⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Dotson, Jim(R)
Breaux, Harlan(R)

To authorize a public school to adopt a policy for one or more student mentors.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-31-25 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
03-31-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 3/N: 1)
04-02-25 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

SB 270 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Crowell, Steve(R)
Wooldridge, Jeremy(R)

To amend the law concerning the filing periods of certain nonpartisan school board and municipal candidates.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-18-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 98/N: 0)
03-19-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-20-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 360)

SB 271 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Crowell, Steve(R)
Wooldridge, Jeremy(R)

To amend the law concerning a county clerk's certification of school board candidates to the county board of election commissioners.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-31-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)
04-01-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-03-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 460)

SB 284 🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Payton, John(R)

To modify the employer's liability under the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Passed over on calendar
04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 285 🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Payton, John(R)

To modify the compensation restrictions under the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Act 4 of 1948.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration
04-10-25 S Motion to suspend rules carried

SB 286 🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Payton, John(R)

To allow additional wage loss benefits in addition to scheduled injury payments under the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-02-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 287 🟩🟨⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Payton, John(R)

To modify certain attorney fees for controverted medical expenses, appeals, and changes of physicians under the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-02-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-01-25 S Motion to withdraw from committee carried S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 288 🟩🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Payton, John(R)

To modify a physician change under the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Measure 1948, No. 4.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Passed over on calendar
04-01-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 292 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Hammer, Kim(R)
Rose, Ryan(R)

To amend the law concerning the date of an annual school election; to move the annual school election if the annual school election is scheduled on a state holiday in certain instances; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-11-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-12-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 264)
03-20-25 G Amendment(s) Filed

SB 303 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Dees, Tyler(R)
Torres, Randy(R)

To allow a resident school district to permit a private school student to participate in an interscholastic activity at the resident school district under certain conditions.

Remarks: Under Review after Amendments Added.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:42pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 56/N: 32)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 325 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜
Clark, Alan(R)

To amend the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989; to amend the Child Maltreatment Act; to amend the law regarding reinstatement of parental rights; and to amend the law regarding the Child Maltreatment Central Registry.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H Passed over on calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 326 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜
Clark, Alan(R)

To amend the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989 and the Child Maltreatment Act; to modify guidelines for a judgment made in the best interest of a child; and to amend procedures around reporting child maltreatment.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H Passed over on calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 332 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩
Dotson, Jim(R)
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

An act for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Emergency clause adopted
04-08-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-10-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 536)

SB 352 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Stone, Matt(R)
Beaty, Howard(R)

To prohibit antisemitism in public elementary and secondary schools; and to prohibit antisemitism in state-supported institutions of higher education.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 82/N: 1)
04-14-25 S Received from House as amended - Calendar
04-15-25 S Placed on the Senate calendar

SB 359
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Petty, Jim(R)

An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Out-of-School Time Program Grants appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-08-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 80/N: 4)
04-08-25 H Emergency clause adopted
04-09-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 360
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Petty, Jim(R)

An act for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Out-of-School Time Program Grants appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 03-03-25 S Filed
03-03-25 S Introduced and referred to Joint Budget
03-10-25 S Referred to subcommittee JBC - Special Language Subcommittee

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SB 362
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Hammer, Kim(R)

An Act for the Department of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education youth organization grants appropriation for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-14-25 S Emergency clause adopted
04-14-25 H Received in the House - Referred to calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 390
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English, Jane(R)
Lundstrum, Robin(R)

To establish the State Apprenticeship Agency Act.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:13pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 98/N: 0)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 391
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Dismang, Jonathan(R)
Eaves, Les(R)

To create the Robotics Competition Grant Program for eligible robotics teams in public or private schools for the purpose of encouraging study in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-02-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)
04-03-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
04-08-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 472)

SB 395
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Hickey, Jimmy(R)
Jean, Lane(R)

To amend Arkansas law concerning statements of financial interest; and to amend a portion of Arkansas law resulting from Initiated Act 1 of 1988.

Remarks: Support

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-13-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies
03-13-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed
04-03-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies

SB 402
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Penzo, Clint(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To prohibit a public school district from requiring or taking certain actions related to employee organizations and professional associations.

Remarks: Table for possible amendment

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:02pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 18)

SB 413
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Hammer, Kim(R)
Hawk, RJ(R)

To amend the law concerning a school district board of directors; and to amend the law concerning the certification of an oath for a school board director.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-19-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)
03-20-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor
03-25-25 G Signed by the Governor (Act: 401)

SB 418
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Payton, John(R)

To amend the Workers' Compensation Law that resulted from Initiated Act 4 of 1948; and to establish a requirement for workers' compensation insurers to spend at least eighty-five percent of premiums on healthcare claims and wage claims.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-02-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 272 - S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-01-25 S Motion to withdraw from committee carried S-Public Health, Welfare and Labor
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 423
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Scott, Jamie(D)
Ennett, Denise(D)

To exempt from the individual income tax education scholarships, awards, and grants from nonprofit volunteer service organizations.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
03-11-25 S Filed
03-11-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Revenue and Taxation
03-17-25 S Moved to deferred list S-Revenue and Taxation

SB 425
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English, Jane(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend various provisions concerning enhanced school transporation; to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:03pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 92/N: 0)
04-14-25 H Emergency clause adopted

SB 433
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Dotson, Jim(R)
Brown, Alyssa(R)

Regarding the display of the National Motto and the Ten Commandments.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-07-25 H Motion for immediate consideration carried
04-07-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 71/N: 20)
04-09-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 436
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Clark, Alan(R)

To amend the ability of a student who transfers under the Public School Choice Act of 2015 to participate in an extracurricular activity.

Remarks: Oppose-conflicts with HB1633

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-11-25 S Filed
03-12-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

SB 438
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Clark, Alan(R)

To permanently ban from coaching a coach or an athletics personnel member who recruits a student.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-12-25 S Filed
03-12-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

SB 450
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Davis, Breanne(R)
Moore, Kendra(R)

To require the Department of Education to include a human fetal growth and development discussion in the relevant standards during the Arkansas Academic Standards revision cycle.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H Passed over on calendar
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 451 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Hester, Bart(R)
Richardson, Scott(R)

To require the Department of Health and the Department of Education to establish regional behavioral health crisis response teams; to amend the law concerning the education of certain students; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:06pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 51/N: 22)
04-14-25 H Emergency clause failed (Vote: Y: 58/N: 28)

SB 467 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Penzo, Clint(R)
Gramlich, Zachary(R)

To modify the definition of "healthcare provider" regarding student athlete concussion education to include chiropractors or chiropractic physicians.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:39pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 14)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 470 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Dotson, Jim(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To require an adult approved to oversee the administration of a statewide student assessment to certain students in a virtual setting to meet certain requirements.

Remarks: Tabled

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:44pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 94/N: 0)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 472 🟩🟨⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Bryant, Joshua(R)
Underwood, Kendon(R)

To create the violation of purchase or possession of an e-liquid product or vapor product by a minor.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-18-25 S Amendment 1 adopted
03-19-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 171 - S-Judiciary

SB 481 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Gilmore, Ben(R)

To create a more sustainable system of property insurance for public schools, state-supported institutions of higher education, and state-owned property; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 4:45pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 90/N: 3)
04-14-25 H Emergency clause adopted

SB 482 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Hammer, Kim(R)
Hawk, RJ(R)

To repeal the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act; to amend the law relating to transfers of students between public schools and school districts; and to amend the Public School Choice Act of 2015.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
03-17-25 S Filed
03-17-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

SB 484 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Irvin, Missy(R)
McCollum, Austin(R)

To establish a process whereby a vacancy is filled on a school district board of directors.

Remarks: Oppose-Local board should retain the authority to select vacant positions.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:58pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 11)

SB 497 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Wallace, Dave(R)
Nazarenko, Jason(R)

To require the creation of a poster regarding veterans' benefits and services; and to require certain employers to display the poster.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:59pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 59/N: 9)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 506 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Johnson, Mark(R)

To amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1967; and to repeal the exemption concerning electronic data information maintained by a disaster recovery system.

Remarks: Oppose-Concerns about safety and cybersecurity

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-01-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies
04-01-25 S Motion to withdraw from committee carried S-State Agencies
04-01-25 S Withdrawn from further consideration

SB 508 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Irvin, Missy(R)
Johnson, Lee(R)

To amend the frequency of payment of a stipend for certain members of the Public School Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission and the State Employee Health Benefit Advisory Commission.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 3:28pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 97/N: 0)

SB 522 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
McKee, Matt(R)
Brown, Matt(R)

To amend the law regarding the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts; and to amend the law related to the tuition and fees paid by students enrolled in the online programs.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:22pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 95/N: 0)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 528 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Gilmore, Ben(R)
Beaty, Howard(R)

To address the powers and duties of the Office of Skills Development and the Career Education and Workforce Development Board related to secondary technical centers.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 03-19-25 S Filed
03-19-25 S Introduced and referred to S-Education
04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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SB 547 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Sullivan, Dan(R)
Meeks, Stephen(R)

To repeal the requirement that a homeschooled student live within a certain radius of a private school for purposes of participating in an extracurricular activity.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:45pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 58/N: 25)

SB 559 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
English, Jane(R)
Brown, Karilyn(R)

To amend the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:14pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 96/N: 0)

SB 572 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Dotson, Jim(R)
McAlindon, Mindy(R)

To create the Public School Access and Transparency Act; and to require public access to learning materials.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 04-09-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:41pm
04-09-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 78/N: 11)
04-10-25 S Enrolled in the Senate - Sent to Governor

SB 573 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Petty, Jim(R)
Jean, Lane(R)

To amend the method of valuation under Arkansas Constitution, Article 16, § 5, by defining the terms used in the established methods of valuation for purposes of property tax.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 3:15pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 90/N: 2)

SB 604 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Davis, Breanne(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code regarding the course choice program.

Remarks: Support

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:05pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 95/N: 0)

SB 607 🟩⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜⬜
Crowell, Steve(R)
Walker, Steven(R)

To establish the requirements for a public school district that initiates and maintains a four-day school week; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: Support Local Control with amendments needed to clarify funding.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-07-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
04-07-25 S Committee motion for D.P. as amended Failed (Vote: Y: 2/N: 2)
04-09-25 S Meeting set for 8:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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SB 614 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜⬜
Tucker, Clarke(D)
Gazaway, Jimmy(R)

To amend the Freedom of Information Act of 1967; and to amend the law concerning open public meetings concerning the issuance of bonds.

Remarks: Table

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History: 04-14-25 H Committee Motion for Do Pass Carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass H-State Agencies
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 618 🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩🟩⬜
Irvin, Missy(R)
McKenzie, Brit(R)

To amend the Arkansas Student Due Process and Protection Act.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Curriculum/Assessment

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 7:54pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 89/N: 0)

SB 619
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Irvin, Missy(R)
Walker, Steven(R)

Concerning the formation of an isolated school district.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-10-25 H Amendment(s) Filed
04-14-25 H Amendment 1 adopted
04-15-25 H Placed on the House calendar

SB 624
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Davis, Breanne(R)
McCollum, Austin(R)

To amend the Arkansas Opportunity Public School Choice Act; to amend the Public School Choice Act of 2015; and to allow a student to transfer to another public school within his or her resident district.

Remarks: Oppose-Concerns about implementation and prefer SB482.

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Placed on the House calendar
04-14-25 H On floor for consideration in the House at 8:01pm
04-14-25 H Passed (Vote: Y: 77/N: 16)

SB 625
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Davis, Breanne(R)
Brooks, Keith(R)

To amend provisions concerning the Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program; and to declare an emergency.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
04-14-25 H Committee motion for D.P. as amended carried
04-14-25 H Reported from committee - Do pass as amended 1 - H-Education
04-14-25 H Amendment(s) Filed

SB 634
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Johnson, Mark(R)

To create the Division of Interscholastic Activities within the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Governance/Retirement

Bill History:
04-09-25 S Passed (Vote: Y: 27/N: 4)
04-10-25 H Received in the House - Referred to H-Education
04-14-25 H Meeting set for 11:00 a.m. - Room 138 - H-Education

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Scott, Jamie(D)
Shephard, Tara(D)

To urge the Arkansas Congressional delegation to propose an amendment to the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to waive the "reasonable assurance" clause.

Remarks: Oppose

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
01-29-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education
01-27-25 S Committee Motion for Do Pass Failed (Vote: Y: 2/N: 44)
02-05-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Room 207 - S-Education

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Boyd, Justin(R)
Crawford, Cindy(R)

A constitutional amendment to provide that the annual school election shall not be held if the proposed rate of tax levy is the same as last approved and no other matters are to be decided.

Remarks: No Position

Track Name(s): Finance/Facilities

Bill History:
01-21-25 S Filed
01-21-25 S Introduced and referred to S-State Agencies
03-13-25 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m. - Old Supreme Court - S-State Agencies

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