

<b>Bill No.</b>	<b>Act No.</b>	<b>Definition</b>
HB 1014	Act 23	Exempts state institutions that are immune from tort liability from the requirement to obtain liability coverage when acquiring a license for a child care facility.
HB 1044	Act 160	Requires public elementary schools to teach cursive writing as a component of English language arts effective school year 2015-16.
HB 1086	Act 27	Increases the density ratio used in qualifying a school district for isolated district funding from 1.4 to 1.5 students or fewer per square mile.
HB 1183	Act 187	Requires public high schools to offer at least one course in computer science; establishes the Computer Science and Technology in Public School Task Force to recommend standards and frameworks for computer science education.
HB 1241	Act 1074	Prohibits the state from contracting for statewide public school student assessments in excess of 1 year beginning in the 2015-16 school year; requires consideration of the recommendations of the Governor's Council on Common Core Review.
HB 1242	Act 372	Lowers the minimum attendance requirements for a new school district to 2,500 students from 4,000; removes the provision allowing the creation of a new district via detachment of territory from an existing district.
HB 1255	Act 410	Establishes the Building Better Futures Program, which allows individuals with intellectual disabilities to participate in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs at nonprofit public or private institutions of higher education.
HB 1256	Act 931	Establishes the Building Better Futures High School Program, which allows current high school students with intellectual disabilities to participate in comprehensive transition and postsecondary programs at institutions of higher education.
HB 1263	Act 377	Authorizes school districts facing administrative consolidation to annually request a waiver from the ADM requirement of 350 students; requires the state board to grant or reject the petition for waiver within 45 days.
HB 1313	Act 286	Authorizes school superintendents to add hours to regular school days to make up for school days that were canceled due to weather or other circumstances.
HB 1358	Act 379	Requires certification to be delivered to the county clerk when an elected member of a school district board of directors takes the oath of office; requires the clerk to provide the date by which the candidate must take the oath after their election.

- HB 1370 Act 345 Changes from 4 to 2 the hours of annual training required of superintendents and others with school budget responsibilities; authorizes the Department of Education to require additional training in cases of flagrant audit finding or fiscal distress.
- HB 1377 Act 1240 Allows school districts to petition the State Board of Education for all or some of the waivers granted to an open-enrollment public charter school that draws students from the school district
- HB 1381 Act 832 Repeals the provisions requiring standardized assessment testing of home-school students.
- HB 1386 Act 411 Requires any entity that employs or contracts with healthcare professionals to provide healthcare services to individuals to report disciplinary actions taken against a healthcare professional as a result of misuse or abuse of illicit drugs or prescription medications.
- HB 1395 Act 833 Provides parents of students with diabetes to allow trained volunteers to administer insulin in an emergency situation.
- HB 1408 Act 835 Requires changes to school personnel policies to comply with state or federal regulations or laws adopted within 90 days after the effective date of the regulation or law becomes part of the current contract upon the date of adoption.
- HB 1419 Act 836 Authorizes school boards to adopt policies permitting members who are unable to be physically present at a board meeting to attend the meeting remotely.
- HB 1436 Act 536 Defers a portion of the general revenue that is derived from five percent of the natural gas severance tax revenue, to the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department for road and bridge repair, and maintenance grants.
- HB 1442 Act 935 Enlarges the Public School Health Services Advisory Committee from 19 to 24 members, adding appointees of the chairs of the House and Senate Education Committee and making other revisions.
- HB 1443 Act 936 Requires new applications for school buildings or renovations to existing school buildings to include plans for a school nursing center that meets certain minimum requirements.
- HB 1485 Act 839 Creates the Legislative Task Force on the Best Practices for Special Education.

- HB 1495 Act 941 Authorizes school district boards of directors to allow advertising on school buses. Limits use of advertising revenue to school transportation purposes.
- HB 1505 Act 1078 Authorizes concealed carry licensees to carry handguns onto public school property and the State Capitol Grounds if the handgun is left in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle on the publicly owned parking lot.
- HB 1525 Act 722 Repeals certain duties and amends reporting requirements of the Division of, and the Commission for, Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.
- HB 1526 Act 841 Repeals certain reporting requirements for schools and districts submitting comprehensive school improvement plans.
- HB 1527 Act 1079 Reduces the physical education requirement from 60 to a minimum 40 minutes per week for grades K-8.
- HB 1545 Act 1177 Specifies teachers employed in the C-Step Program and the National Guard Youth Challenge Program are paid no less than the minimum amounts for full-time employment for 190 days according to the Teacher Compensation Schedule.
- HB 1552 Act 1178 Creates the Succeed Scholarship Program to award private school scholarships to K-12 students who have an individualized education program under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- HB 1583 Act 1179 Authorizes school resource officers who are certified law enforcement officers to have statewide jurisdiction when the officer is accompanying students on a school-sanctioned event outside the officer's home jurisdiction.
- HB 1597 Act 1180 Requires that sick leave transferred from a previous employer school district be depleted before a school employee uses leave granted by the current employer district.
- HB 1600 Act 1181 Allows the departments of education and career education to require reporting of data showing districts and schools are in compliance with federal and state law; gives all divisions of the departments access to all data.
- HB 1602 Act 947 Authorizes a newly-created school district to exercise eminent domain, borrow money, issue bonds, accept assets from the original school district, purchase building, fixtures and equipment and pay indebtedness transferred from the original district.

- HB 1610 Act 1244 Authorizes reduced number of polling places or closure of all polling sites on election day and reliance on absentee and early voting when board candidates are unopposed and the only issue of a school election is renewal of an unchanged tax rate.
- HB 1611 Act 843 Sets specific circumstances, with exceptions, that create a vacancy on a school board and prescribes procedures for a hearing and for determining and filling the vacancy.
- HB 1623 Act 1087 Increases the minimum salaries required in the teacher compensation schedule.
- HB 1650 Act 1089 Amends various provisions concerning background checks for persons seeking to enroll in teacher preparation program and licensed personnel and classified employees of public schools.
- HB 1651 Act 1090 Revises allocation of teacher development credit; prohibits employment of a teacher whose license is suspended or revoked for an offense or ethical violation, including as a substitute; more.
- HB 1652 Act 1091 Amends various provisions of the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS), including expanded definition of professional development plan, professional growth plan and components for the required annual teacher rating.
- HB 1653 Act 950 Require all public schools to have by Sept. 1, 2015 a panic button alert system that will connect the caller with 911 while simultaneously notifying designated on-site personnel, if funds are available.
- HB 1663 Act 1248 Increases per-student foundation funding for school year 2015-16 from \$6,393 to \$6,584 and to \$6,646 for 2016-17. Revises other categories of school and transportation funding.
- HB 1685 Act 952 Requires mandatory curriculum unit instruction in grade 7-12 health courses that focuses on dating violence awareness.
- HB 1694 Act 1094 Allows a foster child to stay in a school district after the foster home or placement is located outside the boundaries of the school district. Prescribes conditions for service to the child or transfer to another school.
- HB 1713 Act 846 Makes technical changes, deletes obsolete provisions and makes various changes to Title 6 relating to public education, including changes related to issuing bonds, provision for declining enrollment funding, conversion charters, more.

- HB 1851 Act 1100 Amends the membership composition of various state boards, commissions, and other administrative bodies and requires that the Governor consult with representatives of the relevant industries before making appointments to those entities.
- HB 1895 Act 960 Amends the College and Career Coaches Program, removing the priority for participation given to school districts located in Tier 3 and Tier 4 counties.
- HB 1913 Act 962 Requires the Commission for Arkansas Public Schools and Transportation to annually determine which schools qualify as high-growth schools; provides for review conferences to consider proposed funding projects.
- HB 1957 Act 964 Prohibits a labor organization or an employer school district to restrict the time period in which a public school employee may join or terminate membership in a labor union or professional employee association.
- HB 1961 Act 1196 Prohibits the owners of online services used primarily for K-12 public school purposes from using targeted advertising based on certain personal student information obtained during the use of the service or selling that information.
- HB 1991 Act 1104 Requires a 30-minute duty-free lunch period for each employee of a school district not required to hold a valid teaching license, who works thirty-five or more hours a week.
- SB 30 Act 44 Reduces the number of teacher development days from ten to a minimum of six, in the Teacher Compensation Program's basic contract.
- SB 160 Act 141 Increases the maximum vacation time for schools that operate on 12-month calendars from 6 weeks to 7 weeks.
- SB 179 Act 560 Requires school districts under a desegregation order to notify the Department of Education in writing; makes various procedural changes to the Public School Choice Act.
- SB 180 Act 143 Allows school superintendents to delay a school's start time until 10 AM or release the school as early as 1 PM up to five times a year due to emergency inclement weather.
- SB 205 Act 394 Allows school districts to donate real property to incorporated towns, in addition to other entities to which they are currently authorized to donate.

- SB 212 Act 1260 Implements a statewide Reengagement System and Differentiated Pathway to a High School Diploma Program, which allows instruction for high school credit or two-year certificates to be offered through various means to underachieving students.
- SB 226 Act 989 Allows schools to administer the ASPIRE Assessment System as an alternative to the ACT EXPLORE, ACT PLAN, or PSAT.
- SB 325 Act 853 Makes technical changes to the organization of statutes concerning compliance with the Standards for Accreditation in cases where a school offers a class but no students enroll in it.
- SB 331 Act 562 Allows home school teams that meet AAA rules to play against AAA schools in five team sports, but not as part of a conference or tournament.
- SB 342 Act 854 Revises the measurements of performance by which recognition and funds are awarded through the Arkansas School Recognition Program.
- SB 366 Act 993 Allows for additional compensation for teachers grades 7-12 who elect to teach more than the maximum number of students permitted by the Standards for Accreditation.
- SB 368 Act 892 Creates a new statewide workforce development system. Renames Board of Career Education as The Career Education and Workforce Development Board.
- SB 371 Act 994 Expands public school partnering with higher education institutions using national school lunch funds to provide concurrent courses or technical education options to students in alternative learning environments.
- SB 382 Act 1202 Requires a study of consolidating state agencies into ten or more principal departments.
- SB 426 Act 600 Prohibits public agency construction contracts from containing terms or bid specifications that encourages or discourages potential contractors from entering into collective bargaining agreements.
- SB 462 Act 1264 Revises the definition and penalties for criminal offenses not in the Criminal Code including hazing, littering, refuse hauling in uncovered vehicles, abandoned motor vehicles and household appliance on public property, and requires the expulsion of a student who is convicted of hazing.

- SB 535 Act 995 Requires school districts not meeting certain conditions to increase their contribution to employees' health insurance premium by the same percentage they increase the base salary under the district's salary schedule.
- SB 591 Act 1204 Allows retired licensed teachers and long-term substitute teachers to serve as proctors during the administration of statewide student assessment tests.
- SB 623 Act 568 Requires training of school board members regarding audit reports done by the person conducting audits for the school district be supervised by a program representative from higher education, the Education Department or the ASBA.
- SB 634 Act 788 Requires school district volunteers be at least 22 years of age, not a member or spouse of the school board and not receive payment for services; allows volunteers to be head coach of some sports, requires coaching certification for grades 7-12.
- SB 681 Act 525 Exempts a person selected as Commissioner of Education from certain qualifications required at ACA 6-11-102 if a deputy commissioner meets those requirements.
- SB 744 Act 1121 Allows teachers in a nontraditional licensure program to receive a standard teaching license by completing the American Board for Certification of Teacher Excellence program.
- SB 756 Act 573 Provides procedure for determining market value of off-premises advertising signs for purposes of property taxes.
- SB 788 Act 1268 Revises provisions for providing dyslexia intervention at school to children screened as having characteristics of a learning disorder. Requires the Education Dept. to maintain a committee for developing and updating the Resource Guide.
- SB 789 Act 739 Creates the Open-Enrollment Public Charter School Facilities Funding Aid Program.
- SB 812 Act 1216 Deletes the requirement schools must use EXPLORE, PLAN or PSAT in student assessment, specifying instead they use a college and career readiness assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
- SB 813 Act 1217 Deletes the requirement the State Board of Education mandated testing of academic performance of students be based on augmented, criterion referenced or norm-referenced assessment.

- SB 858 Act 1272 Authorizes the State Board of Education to adopt rules that exempt certain schools from the classification of academic distress, including public schools that are ALE-only, and charter schools that focus on students who have dropped out.
- SB 894 Act 863 Requires the Arkansas Activities Association to allow private school students at AAA-member private schools to participate in spring semester sports at the high school the student will attend during the next school year.
- SB 926 Act 1276 Repeals the position of county school district coordinator.
- SB 953 Act 1136 Adds provision that a school of innovation comply with state law and rule regarding education of gifted and talented students.
- SB 968 Act 1281 Allows annual school elections to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of November.
- SB 1007 Act 1284 Requires history and social studies courses in grades 7-12 to include early United States history from the period of colonization to 1890.
- SB 1037 Act 1286 Requires the Department of Career Education to collaborate with the Department of Education to develop an agricultural school pilot program consisting of at least one elementary and one middle school by the 2016-17 school year.

**Bill No. The following bills have been withdrawn, failed to make it through a committee, failed on the floor, or sent to interim study.**

- HB 1050 Sets school board member terms at three years (previously authorized to be three to five years in length).
- HB 1051 Creates the Public School Efficiency and Evaluation Task Force, to consist of the House and Senate Chairs of the Education Committees and three members from each chamber, to be appointed by the respective chamber's leadership.

- HB 1052 Prohibits school districts from joining an organization or using district funds to pay dues to any membership organization, unless the organization holds all meetings open to the public and allows for public comment before adopting policy changes.
- HB 1054 Requires governing bodies to record all executive sessions and appoint a custodian to hold the recording for one year and provide it to authorities in the event of an investigation; authorizes legal counsel to be present at executive sessions.
- HB 1074 Prohibits school districts from acquiring, holding or renting real property for school facilities outside the boundaries of the district, unless the property is within the boundaries of another school district and a mutual agreement is in place between the two.
- HB 1192 Revises the definition of 'service animal' and sections relating to rights and liabilities of persons using service animals in public places. Provides that staff of a public accommodation may make only certain inquiries and requests regarding the animal.
- HB 1226 Requires the State Board of Education to ensure public school students are taught as a component of a mathematics course to make correct change at some point during their education.
- HB 1243 Permits private school students to participate in public school interscholastic activities in the same manner as home-school students are allowed, provided the student's private school does not offer the same activity.
- HB 1271 Changes the State Board of Education's membership to consist of 8 elected members and 1 appointed member; changes the term of office for Board members to 4-year staggered terms from 7-year terms; sets date for Board member elections.
- HB 1272 Authorizes schools districts to instruct students on the history of traditional winter celebrations and to use the greetings associated with those celebrations; allows the display on school property of traditional scenes or symbols of such celebrations.
- HB 1273 Requires public schools to allow the voluntary expression of religious viewpoints by parents or students and to not evaluate a student's coursework based on such expressions.
- HB 1312 Requires the Department of Education to grant automatic waivers to school districts that are placed on the consolidation list but which are not in academic or fiscal distress, or in violation of the Standards for Accreditation.
- HB 1346 Requires monthly allocation of excess gross general revenue from various sales and severance taxes when over \$2.2 billion, which is earmarked for highway, road and street maintenance and highway industry workforce training programs.

- HB 1354 Establishes procedures for determining the indebtedness of a detached school district to the original school district; establishes procedures for and places restrictions on determining the millage rate for a detached school district.
- HB 1422 Makes various changes to elections and changes the dates on which certain elections can be held, including local option elections, school elections, college tax levy elections, voluntary fire department levies, referendum elections, etc.
- HB 1444 Requires annual evaluation of school nurses; allows school district to use national school lunch funds if necessary to ensure the required school nurse-student ratio; requires at least one registered nurse at each school; more.
- HB 1515 Requires the Department of Education person conducting the on-campus review for accreditation of a school district to conduct an open forum for parents and community members during the review.
- HB 1516 Requires lotteries for enrollment in public charter schools be conducted by the Department of Education or its designee, in a public forum, and that the methodology for the lottery be documented.
- HB 1528 Repeals the prohibition against carrying a weapon into a retail liquor store, school, college, polling place, church, a building on the capitol grounds, etc. for persons with concealed handgun permits.
- HB 1539 Creates a petition process for parents to seek early admission to kindergarten for children who turn five years old after the August 1 cutoff but before September 1 of the year of initial enrollment.
- HB 1541 Requires state-funded prekindergarten programs follow best practices in staffing qualifications and family engagement (Shell bill).
- HB 1586 Requires the Department of Education to assist school districts falling below the 350 threshold for student population to develop a plan to reverse declining enrollment.
- HB 1593 Amends the Public School Choice Act to add private schools as a school choice. Makes the adequate fund amount an entitlement of an eligible student attending private school, at 65% the amount deemed adequate for a public school student.
- HB 1595 Requires school districts developing school improvement plans include a summary of results of a comprehensive online survey of parents, students, school staff and community members.

- HB 1596 Requires school districts to provide at least five and up to ten legislative days per school year to allow a licensed teacher to attend meeting of the Education Committees and to compensate participating teachers for mileage and meals.
- HB 1605 Requires certain information related to state takeover of a school district be provided to Chairs of the Education Committees and legislators representing the district. Makes contracts for services relating to the district subject to FOIA.
- HB 1622 Specifies course content for the economics and personal finance course required for high school graduation.
- HB 1640 Requires the Commission for Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation to establish a maximum time period for one-way transportation of students on a school bus.
- HB 1683 Authorizes school districts to petition a circuit court to require the owner or operator of a social media website to release the account-holder's name of an account used to commit cyberbullying.
- HB 1726 Requires the adoption of an assessment system that requires students to take at least 2 interim assessments and 1 summative assessment per year; requires interventions to address student deficiencies found as a result of interim assessments.
- HB 1733 Gives the Commissioner of Education the authority to assign an academically distressed school or school district to the Achievement School District and to issue binding recommendations concerning academic practices and staffing of the school(s).
- HB 1743 Requires school elections be on the same voting day as general elections but authorizes a separate ballot if the county board determines separate ballots are necessary to avoid voter confusion.
- HB 1745 Creates a tax credit of up to \$4,400 for the donation to a non-profit that provides a scholarship for students to attend private school.
- HB 1772 Reduces the maximum discount used to compensate retailers for remitting sales tax payments, from \$1,000 to \$500.
- HB 1780 Changes summative teacher evaluations under the teacher Excellence and Support System to occur once every 5 years rather than once every 3 years.

- HB 1827 Establishes a parents' right to direct the education, health care and moral or religious training of their minor children. Requires written consent of parent for state to make a biometric scan or test blood, make a picture or voice recording; more.
- HB 1828 Prohibits school districts and the Dept. of Education from disclosing personally identifiable information of a student to an outside party contracted for services without written consent; adds subchapter for higher education information.
- HB 1837 Require school districts provide a postsecondary preparatory program for students in grades 9-11 if funding is available.
- HB 1840 Defines "fiscal distress" for purposes of the Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program as a school district that has been placed under daily management and control by the state board.
- HB 1842 Specifies schools referred to under the Fiscal Assessment and Accountability Program as being in fiscal distress are in fact in "fiscal distress status."
- HB 1846 Changes the definition of "journey" for purposes of carrying a weapon on a journey to the township in which the person resides; provides that legislative intent of this act is not to amend the elements of the criminal offense of carrying a weapon.
- HB 1856 Makes school transportation categorical funding based on the school's transportation costs as a function of historical route miles rather than on a per-student basis.
- HB 1857 Makes the receipt of isolated school district funding contingent upon meeting 4 out of the 5 criteria for isolation under 6-20-601(a).
- HB 1860 Changes the calculation of school transportation funding to use the school's historical route miles; reduces per-student foundation funding and increases categorical alternative learning, English-language learners and school lunch funds.
- HB 1861 Places a maximum teacher salary for licensed teachers of \$10,000 above the minimum teacher salary schedule.
- HB 1862 Requires funding for isolated school districts to be adjusted for inflation in the same manner as is provided to per-student foundation funding.

- HB 1905 Requires superintendents and interim superintendents of school districts with ADM of 1000 students hired since July 1, 2011 to have achieved a composite score of at least 16 on the ACT or equivalent exam.
- HB 1911 Creates an alternative learning environment teaching credential to be developed by the Department of Education with a valid duration of 5 years; allows institutions of higher education to submit proposals to the Department for such credentials.
- HB 1958 Reduces the amount of national school lunch state categorical funding provided to schools by 2% and sets the additional funds aside for the support of the Positive Youth Development Grant Program.
- HB 1967 Requires the State Board of Education discontinue efforts to adopt and implement the Next Generation of Science Standards and continue use of current science standards.
- HB 1968 Requires the Department of Education to prepare a report on the effectiveness of all teacher preparation programs in the state using certain data collected from each teacher during his or her first five years as a teacher.
- HB 1984 Makes the unlawful calling of an executive session a Class A misdemeanor and makes the offender ineligible to hold an elective office or public employment in any department of the state.
- HB 1985 Creates a Class A misdemeanor for knowingly providing false testimony to the General Assembly.
- HB 1998 Prohibits the State Board of Education from implementing new educational standards for public schools until the standards and assessment tests are completed for grades K-12, and a fiscal impact statement is available.
- HB 1999 Prohibits the Department of Education from including the Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) as a provision of any waiver or agreement with the U.S. Department of Education and to seek the USDOE's permission to modify current waivers accordingly.
- HB 2002 Requires the administration of the ACT and ACT Preparation Programs in all public high schools.
- HB 2005 Requires students in grades 9-12 to take one semester of a personal finance course.

- SB 76 Allows a public school to exceed the state-mandated maximum class size for one semester per year if the class began the semester in compliance and does not exceed the maximum by more than 10 percent.
- SB 176 Deletes the requirement that the ten years of experience in the field of education required of the Commissioner of Education include experience as a teacher and at least five years of administrative or supervisory experience.
- SB 218 Allows access to student records by eligible students and parents and requires the Department of Education to develop policies for compliance and security. Specifies data to be available in the student record.
- SB 370 Expands public school partnering with higher educational institution using national school lunch funds to provide concurrent courses or technical education options to students in grades eight through twelve.
- SB 374 Places a moratorium on all statewide mandated tests except the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers-developed tests and provides for evaluation of the statewide testing and assessment system generally (Shell bill).
- SB 388 Adds per-student foundation funding from the Public School Fund to the funding sources for the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts.
- SB 484 Requires certain information be included with Family in Need of Services petitions filed by employees of school districts; requires compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act if the juvenile has a disability.
- SB 485 Requires certain information be included with petitions for delinquency filed by employees of school districts; requires compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act if the juvenile has a disability.
- SB 615 Exempts from provisions of the Freedom of Information Act the emergency and security plans of public schools.
- SB 703 Appropriates funds to the Department of Education – DPSAFT for 2015-16 grants and aid for open-enrollment public charter schools.
- SB 765 Sets the preferential primary election on the first Tuesday in March. Sets party candidate filing period to begin on the first Monday in November and end on the second Monday in November.

- SB 851 Revises and expands the authorized uses of national school lunch categorical funding and requires districts to spend 60 percent of those funds annually, 75 percent if a district school is in academic distress or is a focus/priority school.
- SB 870 Prohibits school districts from joining or using district funds to pay membership dues to Arkansas domiciled extracurricular activity organizations that are not governed by a board appointed by the Governor.
- SB 876 Sets higher per-student foundation funding, categorical funding, and national school lunch student funding amounts for the next two school years; decreases the maximum categorical funding for professional development.
- SB 878 Requires public school students to pass a civics test that is identical to the civics portion of the naturalization test used by the immigration Service to qualify for a high school diploma or a general education diploma.
- SB 944 Authorizes the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf to receive per-student Foundation Funding and other funds from the Public School Fund (Shell bill).
- SB 955 Add provision that a book “depository” means a facility in Arkansas that has at least 10,000 square feet of storage capacity of consignment inventory of instructional materials.
- SB 958 Prohibits public schools from participating in an organization that governs athletics if the organization distinguishes between public and private school when classifying schools for conference play in certain sports competition.