

EDUCATING ARKANSAS



FUNDING

ACT 744

**INCREASES PER-PUPIL FUNDING TO \$7,771
FOR THE 2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR.**

ACT 238

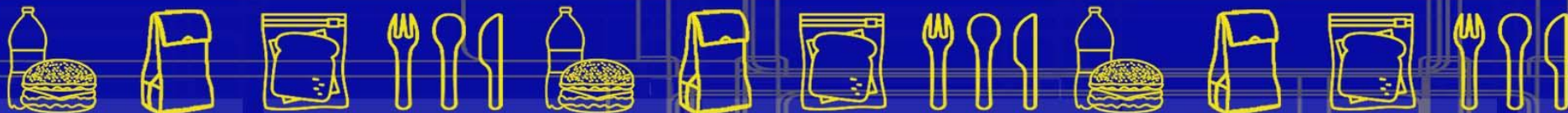
**OUTLINES ENHANCED TRANSPORTATION
FUNDING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**



FUNDING

ACT 656

**CREATES A MEANS BY WHICH
STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR
REDUCED-PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL
RECEIVE FREE MEALS AT SCHOOL.**



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RAISES THE MINIMUM TEACHER SALARY
TO **\$50,000/YEAR.**

RAISES CURRENT TEACHER SALARIES
(ALREADY MAKING \$50,000) **BY \$2,000.**

CREATES THE **MERIT TEACHER INCENTIVE FUND**
PROVIDING **BONUSES OF UP TO \$10,000.**



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REQUIRES STUDENTS BE READING AT A
3RD GRADE LEVEL BEFORE ADVANCING
TO THE 4TH GRADE.

CALLS FOR
120 READING COACHES
TO BE DEPLOYED STATEWIDE.

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CREATES THE *EDUCATION FREEDOM ACCOUNT*.

STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE AN EDUCATIONAL

FREEDOM ACCOUNT WILL RECEIVE 90%

OF WHAT PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECEIVE

PER STUDENT.



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OFFERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THE OPTION OF A **CAREER-READY DIPLOMA** & REQUIRES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO **COMPLETE 75 HOURS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE BEFORE GRADUATION.**

SCHEDULE

ACT 26

AMENDS THE LAW CONCERNING DATES FOR THE BEGINNING & END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

IT STATES THE 1ST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR PUBLIC ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHALL BE ON OR AFTER THE MONDAY OF THE WEEK IN WHICH AUGUST 19 FALLS, NOT EARLIER THAN AUGUST 14 & NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 26.



SCHOOL CHOICE

ACT 129

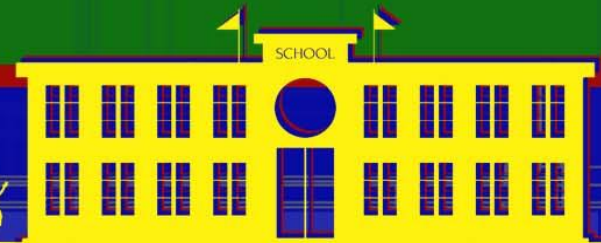
STATES THAT A STUDENT WHO ATTENDED PRESCHOOL IN A NON-RESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR BEFORE KINDERGARTEN WILL NOT COUNT AGAINST THAT SCHOOL'S 3% CAP OF NON-RESIDENTS UNDER THE SCHOOL CHOICE ACT OF 2015.



SCHOOL CHOICE

ACT 189

STATES THAT A CHILD WHOSE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN RELOCATES HIM OR HER TO A NONRESIDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY COMPLETE ALL REMAINING SCHOOL YEARS AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS ENROLLED AT THE TIME OF THE RELOCATION, REGARDLESS OF THE RESIDENCY STATUS OF THE CHILD.



SCHOOL CHOICE

ACT 649

REMOVES THE MAY 1ST DEADLINE FOR CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY FAMILIES TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL CHOICE.

ACT 426

ENSURES INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS CAN ATTEND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL ZONED FOR HIS/HER HOST FAMILY. IT ALSO ESTABLISHES RULES FOR DISTRICTS REGARDING EXCHANGE STUDENTS.



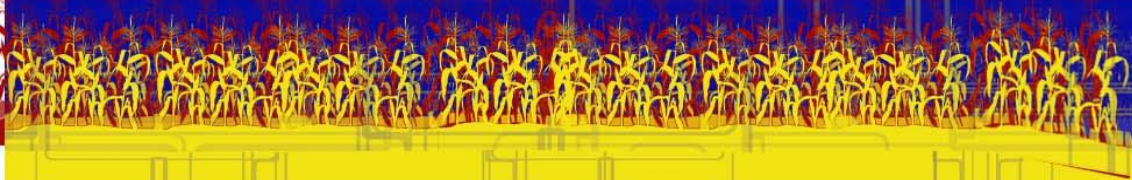
CURRICULUM

ACT 48

ESTABLISHES THE LAST FULL WEEK OF JANUARY AS HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ACT 243

THIS BILL CREATES AN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PILOT PROGRAM IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.



CURRICULUM

ACT 242

CREATES A MEANS BY WHICH PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS MAY SUBSTITUTE COMPARABLE ELECTIVE COURSEWORK IN CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR REQUIRED CORE ACADEMIC CLASSES.



SAFETY

ACT 286 CREATES THE SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT

IT STATES THAT BY THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR, THE BOARD OF EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT & THE GOVERNING BODY OF EACH PRIVATE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 2 EMPLOYEES AT EACH SCHOOL WHO HAVE MET THE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF SEIZURES & THE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO RESPOND.



SAFETY

ACT 811 REQUIRES THAT OPIOID OVERDOSE RESCUE KITS BE LOCATED ON EACH CAMPUS OF EACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL & STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

ACT 101 STATES THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL & OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL PROVIDE PARENTS WITH DIGITAL OR HARD COPY INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL WATER SAFETY EDUCATION COURSES AND SWIMMING LESSONS OFFERED FOR FREE OR AT A REDUCED PRICE.



MISC.

ACT 438

EXPANDS ELIGIBILITY OF THE
ARKANSAS CONCURRENT CHALLENGE
SCHOLARSHIP TO 10TH GRADE
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



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ACT 128

CREATES THE SUPPORT FOR PREGNANT & PARENTING STUDENTS ACT. IT ALLOWS PREGNANT & PARENTING STUDENTS TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL **10 DAYS** OF EXCUSED ABSENCE FOR A PARENTING MOTHER AND FATHER AFTER THE BIRTH OF THEIR CHILD.



MISC.

ACT 425

THIS BILL STATES THAT AT EACH REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD, A REPORT OR PRESENTATION REGARDING STUDENT ACADEMIC DATA OR PERFORMANCE SHALL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD.



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