

Summary of Legislation - 2021 General Assembly

Bills	Sponsor	Description	Actions	Summary
HB1021	Cloud	To create the first-year medical student scholarship program act; and to create the first-year medical student scholarship fund.	Referred to House - Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Rereferred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/23 Returned to House - Passed 2/24 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn for Amendment Re-Referred to Senate Educate Committee	Students who completed a bachelor's degree in 2 years or less can receive \$20-30,000 for medical school scholarship.
HB1100	Evans	An act to amend the law concerning individuals listed as mandated reporters under the child maltreatment act.	Referred to House Judiciary Committee - Passed Committee 1/28 Returned to House - Passed 2/1 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee - Passed 3/10 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/11 Returned to House as Amended Re-referred to House Judiciary Committee - Passed 3/30 Returned to House - Passed 3/31 Now Act 556	Contains specific language listing full-time and part-time employees of private or public institutions of higher education as reporters. Also includes volunteers that are at least 18 years old.
HB1121	Dotson	An act to create consistent language for all state entities, including without limitation state departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, regarding the equal employment hiring program; and for other purposes.	Referred to House State Agencies & Gov't Affairs Committee - Passed Committee on 1/27 Returned to House - Passed 1/28 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate State Agency and Gov't Affairs Committee - Passed 2/2 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/3 Returned to House - Ordered Enrolled Delivered to Governor Now Act 88	Contains specific language that must be listed in all employee handbooks describing the equal opportunity hiring program. Applies to all institutions and the division.
SB100	Irvin	To enhance higher education fiscal	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed	Increases transparency of higher

		accountability and transparency; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas code concerning student accounts receivable policies and certain financial condition reports.	Committee 1/20 Returned to Senate - Passed 1/25 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/28 Returned to House - Passed 2/1 Returned to Senate - Ordered Enrolled Delivered to Governor Now Act 69	education governing boards for institutions, requires policies for student accounts receivable aging reports, and requires financial condition reports to include total accounts receivable and number of days of cash on hand.
SB113		To amend provisions of the Arkansas code concerning the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program; and to amend the definition of "Approved Institution of Higher Education".	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/27 Returned to Senate Withdrawn by Author	Adds NWTI as an eligible institution for the scholarship.
SB114	Irvin	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning applications and eligibility for the Academic Support Scholarship, the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, and Scholarships for Teachers in High-Need Subject Areas.	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/4 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/4 Returned to House - Passed 3/9 Delivered to Governor Now Act 331	Adds the requirement of completing the FAFSA as an eligibility requirement for each of the scholarships listed: Academic Support, Arkansas Governor's, and Scholarships for Teachers in High-Need Subject Areas.
SB115		To Substitute "Arkansas State University Three Rivers" For "College of the Ouachitas" in the Arkansas Code	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/20 Returned to Senate - Passed 1/21 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/26 Returned to House - Passed House 1/27 Returned to Senate - Ordered Enrolled Now Act 19	Changes ASUTR's name in code.
SB116		To amend the name of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University; To abolish the board of Trustees of Henderson State University; To amend the board of	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/20 Returned to Senate - Passed 1/21 Sent to House	Updates name of Arkansas State University System, abolishes HSU's board as they are now a part of the system, and increases the size of the

		Arkansas State University Members; and To declare an emergency	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/26 Returned to House - Passed House 1/27 Returned to Senate - Ordered Enrolled Now Act 18	Board of Trustees. Emergency Clause is for compliance with accreditation from HLC for HSU.
SB118		To create the Arkansas Public Service Internship Program; and to establish extra help positions for the Arkansas Public Service Internship program	Referred to Senate State Agencies & Govt'l Affairs Committee - Passed Committee 2/2 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/3 Sent to House Referred to House State Agencies and Govtl Affairs Committee - Passed 3/8 Returned to House - Passed 3/11 Delivered to Governor Now Act 379	Allows state cabinet level agencies to use extra help positions to hire undergrad and grad level students into internship positions.
SB125		To amend provisions of the Arkansas code concerning higher education	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 1/25 Returned to Senate - Passed Senate 1/26 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 2/2 Returned to House - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 79	Repeals 6-61-111 and 6-61-127. Removes "smart core" language from 6-61-221. Removes end of course assessment language from Arkansas Governor's Scholarship eligibility requirements. *ACC asked about using this bill to also amend 6-61-110 regarding exit testing for remediation. 1/20
SB126		To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the applicability and additional eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - part 2.	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed 1/25 Returned to Senate - Passed Senate 1/26 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 2/2 Returned to House - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 80	Allows students to receive both Arkansas Governor's and Arkansas Challenge scholarships, but students may not receive more than the award amount of the Governor's scholarship. Removes High School GPA requirement from the Academic Challenge Scholarship. Clarifies reporting requirement for students receiving state aid.
SB129		To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning private resident and	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed Committee 1/27	Removes references to "Private Career Education Arbitration Panel",

		correspondence schools	Returned to Senate - Passed 1/28 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/25 Returned to House - Passed 3/1 Ordered Enrolled Now Act 252	putting these responsibilities on the State Board of Private Career Education. Repeals 6-51-606(e).
SB130		To repeal the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 1	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed 1/25 Returned to Senate - Passed Senate 1/26 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 2/2 Returned to House - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 81	Repeals deprecated language of the original lottery act which was later replaced with "Part - 2".
SB131		To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning eligibility for the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed 1/25 Returned to Senate - Passed Senate 1/26 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed Committee 2/2 Returned to House - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 82	Changes minimum letter grade requirement to 2.5 GPA requirement.
SB139		To allow a student applying for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program of the Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarship Program to use his or her ACT Superscore	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/1 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/5 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/14 Returned to House - Passed 4/14 Delivered to Governor Now Act 743	Updates scholarship eligibility to include ACT superscore similar to Challenge Scholarship update made in 2017.

SB35		To amend the law concerning tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard; and to allow a temporary waiver of the completion of the initial active duty training requirement.	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed Committee 1/20 Returned to Senate - Passed on 1/21 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed on 2/2 Returned to House - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 76	To allow soldiers or airmen to receive tuition benefits prior to initial active duty training in the event of exigent circumstances.
SB61	Irvin	To amend various provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning College and career coaches program.	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed 3/3 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/4 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/16 Returned to House - Passed 3/18 Returned to Senate as Amended - Passed 4/7 Delivered to Governor Now Act 633	Clarifies language around funding, partnerships with higher education, and program evaluation criteria.
SB66		To allow the tuition-free benefit for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard to apply to programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively online.	Referred to Education Committee - Senate Withdrawn from Committee for purpose of Amendment #1 Re-referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed Committee 1/27 Returned to Senate - Passed 1/28 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/6 Returned to House - Passed 2/10 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 133	Removes barrier for receiving tuition free benefits from programs that are exclusively online at state institutions or institutions associated with a state supported institution of higher ed (eVersity).
SB83		To add a state-supported institution of higher education to the state-supported institutions that are exempt from certain state laws that govern the construction of	Referred to Education Committee - Senate - Passed Committee 1/27 Returned to Senate - Passed 1/28 Sent to House	Adds ATU to the list of exempt institutions

		public facilities	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/4 Returned to House - Passed 2/8 Returned to Senate Delivered to Governor Now Act 95	
HB1173	Tollett	To amend the required qualifications for a person appointed as the secretary of the Department of Education and the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education	Referred to Education Committee - House Returned to House for Amendment Re-referred to House Education Committee Withdrawn by Author - 4/6/21	Requires Secretary of the Department and Commissioner of DESE to hold a state teacher's license and have experience in Elementary or Secondary Education.
HB1218	Lowery	To prohibit offering courses, events, and activities that isolate students based on characteristics within programs of instruction; and to adjust funding for schools that offer these prohibited courses, events, and activities.	Referred to House Education Committee - On Agenda 3/2 Withdrawn by Author - 3/15	Prohibits public schools and higher education from offering courses that promotes the overthrow of the United State Government, division between races/genders/political affiliations/social class/socioeconomic classes, advocates solidarity of or isolation of groups of students, negatively targets specific nationalities or countries, etc. If Attorney General determines violation in higher ed up to 10% of state funding may be withheld. Among other changes, the amendment adds African American History and voluntary participation of students in activities or events that are not instructional to the list of things not prohibited by the bill.
HB1232	Tollett	An act to create the computer science education pathway act of 2021; and for other purposes	Referred to House Education Committee - On Agenda 3/2 Withdrawn by Author 3/2	Requires Technical colleges to offer a computer science technical certificate and communicate the opportunities of such a certificate to students in a regular manner. This computer science technical certificate pathway

				must be made available to students in public schools (9-12) within the boundaries of the district of the technical college.
HB1231	Lowery	An act creating the saving American History Act of 2021; to prohibit the use of public school funds to teach the 1619 Project Curriculum; To reduce funds distributed to public schools that teach the 1619 project curriculum; and for other purposes.	Referred to House Education Committee Returned to House for Amendment Referred to House Education Committee - Bill Rejected 2/9	This bill declares the curriculum of the “1619 Project” to be “racially divisive and revisionist”. The bill would prohibit the teaching of this curriculum at any state supported 2-year or 4-year university (in addition to K-12). The funding of institutions that choose to adopt this curriculum would be decreased by the cost of offering the curriculum. ADHE would be required to promulgate rules prior to January 2022. Amendment removes higher education from the bill!
SB206	Irvin	An act to amend provisions of Title 6 of the Arkansas code concerning provisional positions for state-supported institutions of higher education; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 2/3 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/8 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/2 Returned to House - Passed 3/3 Delivered to Governor Now Act 289	Increases number of provisional positions allowed for ASUJ and UAPB
SB235	English	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning technical and vocational education; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning alternate retirement plans	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/15 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/16 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/30 Returned to House - Passed 3/31 Delivered to Governor Now Act 545	Update language to move authority for Career & Technical Education under the State Board and ADHE as it is now structured from Transformation.

HB1237	Lowery	To amend the school start date; to allow public school district boards of directors to elect to implement an alternate school calendar; and to amend the definition of a school day.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/18 Returned to House - Passed 3/29 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/5 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/7 Returned to House for Amendment - Passed 4/8 Ordered Enrolled Now Act 688	Would amend the start date of public schools to be the Monday before Labor Day and would allow school boards to create a calendar that is based around education hours rather than calendar days.
HB1356	Dotson	An act to amend the process of evaluation of state boards and commissions; to require submission of a report; to recommend the abolition of a state board or commission for failure to submit a report; and for other purposes	Referred to House State Agencies & Gov'tl Affairs Committee - Passed 2/3 Returned to House - Passed 2/4 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate State Agencies & Gov'tl Affairs Committee - Passed 2/16 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/1 Delivered to Governor Now Act 276	Requires mandated reporting of all appointed boards and commissions including higher ed institutions and EngageAR. If a board or commission fails to report to the Joint Performance Review Committee, it could result in the board or commission being abolished in the next regular session of the general assembly.
SB191	Sullivan	To change the name of the Forum Act; to Amend the restrictions an institution of higher education may impose on free expression; and to amend the areas that constitute a public forum for members of the campus community.	Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment #1 Re-Referred to Senate Education Committee	Adds language specifically protecting academic freedom and free expression.
SB250	Irvin	An act to amend provisions of Title 19 of the Arkansas code concerning motor vehicle restrictions for state-supported institutions of higher education; to declare and emergency; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate Education Committee Returned to Senate - Passed 3/15 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/30 Returned to House - Passed 3/31 Delivered to Governor Now Act 554	Increases ASUTR to 12 and UAPB to 85 vehicles
HB1389	Bragg	An act to create the Arkansas Foresters for the Future Scholarship Program Act of	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/25	Creates a scholarship for students enrolled in forestry programs in

		2021; and for other purposes	Returned to House - Passed 3/1 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/15 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/16 Delivered to Governor Now Act 399	higher ed in Arkansas. Would be administered by Dept of Ag.
HB1410	Joint Budget Committee	An act to reappropriate the balances of capital improvement appropriations for the department of education - division of higher education; and for other purposes	Referred to Joint Budget Committee - Passed 2/10 Returned to House - Passed 2/22 Sent to Senate - Passed 2/24 Delivered Governor's Office Now Act 200	Reappropriations of capital improvement funds
SB287	Hester	To amend the scholarship requirements to allow certain individuals to be eligible for certain scholarships; and to declare an emergency	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 2/22 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/23 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/25 Returned to House - Passed 3/1 Delivered to Governor's Office Now Act 217	Allows Marshallese and H4 Visa holders to be eligible for Challenge and Governor's scholarships
SB286	Joint Budget Committee	An act for the institutions of higher education reappropriations	Referred to Joint Budget Committee - Passed 2/10 Returned to Senate - Passed 2/23 Sent to House - Passed 2/24 Delivered to Governor's Office Now Act 181	Capital Improvement Funds
HB1445	McClure, Bragg	An act concerning the board of visitors for a technical college; to amend the appointment requirements concerning a board of visitors for a technical college; and for other purposes.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/25 Returned to House - Passed 3/1 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/10 Returned to Senate - Failed to Pass 3/11 Returned to House as Failed to Pass	
HB1462	Scott	To allow a state-supported two-year or four-year institution of higher education to	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 2/25	Allows institutions to designate a homeless and foster student liaison to

		designate from amongst current staff members of the institution a homeless and foster student liaison.	Returned to House - Passed 3/1 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed Returned to Senate - Passed 3/11 Delivered to Governor's Office Now Act 355	inform these students about financial aid and other financial assistance available if it is determined the need exists.
HB1496	Gonzales	An act concerning a contract for employment for a president and chancellor of a state-supported institution of higher education; to specify terms regarding termination and buyout agreements that a contract for employment for a president and chancellor of a state-supported institution of higher education shall include; and for other purposes.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/2 Returned to House - Passed 3/3 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/10 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/11 Delivered to Governor's Office Now Act 352	Requires contracts for employment for presidents and chancellors to include causes for termination and buyout clauses that may only include up to 1 year of state funds for salary.
SB345		To amend the Higher Education Uniform Classification and Compensation Act; and to declare an emergency	Referred to Joint Budget Committee - Passed 3/11 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/15 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/15 Returned to House - Passed 3/18 Delivered to Governor Now Act 496	Increases minimum salary for classified positions. Removes certain classified position titles.
SB382	Chesterfield	An act concerning the Arkansas Future Grant Program; to deem a private, nonprofit two-year or four-year institution of higher education an approved institution of higher education under the Arkansas Future Grant Program; and for other purposes.	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/1 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/3 Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/11 Returned to House - Passed 3/16 Delivered to Governor Now Act 388	Allows private colleges to participate in AR Future. Award amounts based on average of public, 2yr colleges rather than private tuition.
SB397	Irvin	To create the Higher Education Consumer Guide Act	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/3 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/9 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed	Requires ADHE to create an information guide for each institution by combining information from IPEDS, AHEIS, and institutional reports, on topics such as success rates, cost,

			3/23 Returned to House - Passed 3/30 Delivered to Governor Now Act 539	admissions, etc.
HB1613	Tollett	An act concerning the school start date; to amend the first day of the school year for student attendance in public elementary and secondary schools; and for other purposes.	Referred to House Education Committee Withdrawn by Author - 4/6	Allows schools to start as early as August 7th and as late as August 26.
SB457	Davis	An act concerning the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 2; To expand eligibility for the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 2 to include a student who is accepted into an approved comprehensive transition and postsecondary program; and for other purposes.	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Failed 4/19???	Allows students attending a program for students with intellectual disabilities to be eligible to receive academic challenge.
SB462	Elliott	An Act concerning the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 2; To amend the law with respect to awards granted under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 2; and for other purposes.	Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-referred to Senate Education Committee - Failed 4/19	Allows students to be eligible for Challenge scholarship with a 2.5 GPA <u>or</u> 19 ACT. It also has ADHE award scholarship amounts by dividing available funds for scholarships among all eligible applicants.
SB503	Irvin	To establish a scholarship appeals committee within the division of higher education	Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn by Author - 4/8	Establishes a scholarship appeals committee for scholarships administered by state aid to hear appeals related to student loss of eligibility for scholarships.
SB508	Leding	An act to amend the number of official holidays of the state; to make election day an official holiday; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate State Agencies and Gov't'l Affairs Committee	Adds Election Day in November as an official holiday in even number years. Even years would be adjusted up from 11 holidays to 12 holidays.
HB1700	Bentley	An act to improve student outcomes by providing students, parents, and guidance counselors with reliable information	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/30 Returned to House - Passed 3/31	Requires ADHE to create an information database and website where consumers can access

		regarding the cost of college and job opportunities in Arkansas; and for other purposes	Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/21 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/22 Returned to House Re-referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/26 Returned to House To be enrolled Now Act 1066	information on success rates, cost, employment, etc.
HB1707	Boyd, Cloud	An act to abolish the allocation of enrollment positions at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine based on congressional district and Arkansas residency, and for other purposes	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/23 Returned to House - Passed 3/29 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn by Author Interim Study	Abolishes the requirement for UAMS to distribute the acceptance of freshmen medical students across congressional districts and prioritize Arkansas residents.
HB1780	Bentley	An act to amend the laws concerning medication assistive persons; to allow education programs for licensed practical nurses in certain facilities; and for other purposes	Referred to House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee - Passed 4/1 Returned to House - Passed 4/6 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee - Passed 4/13 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/14 Delivered to Governor Now Act 759	Allows Medication Assistant and LPN programs to be taught by nursing home groups.
SB564	Elliott	An act to create the Arkansas Tutoring Corps Act; to support the implementation of a sustainable tutoring program in response to learning loss; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate Education committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/13 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/15 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/20 Returned to House - Passed 4/21	Affects Higher Ed as it allows ("may"/permissive) DESE to coordinate with ADHE to develop incentive structures such as course credit for tutors.

			Returned to Senate - Passed 4/21 Delivered to Governor Now Act 912	
HB1770	McCullough	To require that certain information be included on student identification cards or identification badges.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/30 Returned to House - Passed 4/1 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/21 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/22 Returned to House Re-referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/26 Returned to House To be Enrolled Now Act 1069	Requires certain hotline information be included on all student ID badges for public institutions. Required for the beginning of AY22. Hotlines include domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide prevention.
HB1794	Vaught, Gray	An act to create the Licensed Practical Nurse Pathway Pilot Program; To declare an emergency; and for other purposes	Referred to House Public Health Welfare and Labor Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-Referred to House Public Health Welfare and Labor Committee - Passed 4/6 Returned to House - Passed 4/7 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committee - Passed 4/13 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/14 Delivered to Governor Now Act 757	Requires DESE to work with ADHE to create programs where high school students can graduate with all the courses needed to complete an LPN.
SB584	Hickey	To Amend the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; To establish procedures and funding requirements to create or amend scholarships funded with net revenue available; and to declare an emergency	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 3/29 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/31 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/6 Returned to House - Passed 4/7 Delivered to Governor Now Act 636	Establishes procedures that legislators must follow in order to add a new scholarship. Also establishes that each year's scholarships will be paid from the prior year's earnings rather than current year

HB1671	Shepherd	To establish the Arkansas student-athlete publicity rights act	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 3/23 Returned to House - Passed 3/29 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/12 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/13 Returned to House for Amendment - Passed 4/14 Sent to Governor Now Act 810	Allows college athletes to be compensated for the use of their image.
HB1831	Berry	An act to create the Star-Spangled Banner Act; and for other purposes	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/8 Returned to House - Passed 4/12 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/14 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/20 Returned to House Ordered Enrolled Now Act 958	Requires the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner at each school-sanctioned sporting event. Rules must be promulgated by ADHE.
SB524	Sturch	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code Concerning minority teacher and minority administrator recruitment plans; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the Equity Assistance Center	Referred to Education Committee - Passed 3/10 Returned to Senate - Passed 3/29 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/1 Returned to House - Passed 4/6 Delivered to Governor Now Act 646	Requires ADHE to develop a plan for increasing the number of teachers and administrators of minority and races and ethnicities in the state. Requires a bi-annual report on progress.
HB1840	Johnson	To create an income tax credit for donations to the graduate medical education fund	Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee	
HB1841	Johnson	To amend the law concerning distributions from the general revenue fund account; and to provide for a transfer from the	Referred to House Revenue & Taxation Committee	

		general revenue fund account to the graduate medical education fund.		
SB609	Johnson	To create the transparency in foreign investment act; and to declare an emergency	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/21 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/22 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/26 Returned to House Delivered to Governor Now Act 1020	
SB618	Ballinger	An act to make technical corrections to Arkansas law concerning the acceptance of certain federal benefits promoting vocational education; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/15 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/19 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/22 Returned to House Delivered to Governor Now Act 1027	Updates name of law to Carl D. Perkins
HB1854	Gray	To create a baccalaureate degree program for state-supported two-year institutions of higher education; and to declare an emergency.	Referred to House Education Committee - Failed 4/8	Creates a pilot program to allow two-year colleges to offer baccalaureate programs.
HB1749	Bentley	To prohibit requiring public school and institution of higher education employees from addressing a student by a term that identifies a student as male or female and that is inconsistent with the student's biological sex.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/6 Returned to House - Passed 4/8 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee	Allows teachers to address students according to the name and gender on the registration form that year.
HB1879	Cooper	To allow dependents of certain veterans to receive tuition waivers to private, non-profit institutions of higher education in this state; and to cap the amount of the tuition waiver for dependents of certain veterans.	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/14 Returned to House - Passed 4/14 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/21	Allows dependent waiver for private, non-profit colleges. Also applies a cap to the waiver.

			Returned to Senate - Passed 4/22 Returned to House Ordered Enrolled Now Act 988	
SB649	Beckham	To require that a certain percentage of lottery proceeds be net proceeds that are used for scholarships; and to require that the percentage of net proceeds for scholarships increase year by year.	Referred to Senate Education Committee Author moved to interim study	Beginning AY2022 scholarship funds cannot be less than 20% of net proceeds and must increase each year until it reaches 25%.
SB648	Eads	To Create the Arkansas Challenge Plus Scholarship Program	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Failed 4/19	Creates a needs based Challenge Scholarship
HB1882	Crawford	To create the Arkansas Privacy Accommodations Act; and to amend the law concerning public property	Referred to House State Agencies & Gov't'l Affairs	Requires institutions to provide reasonable accommodations to restrooms or changing facilities such as single occupancy rooms if someone submits in writing a request to receive such accommodation.
SB661	Ingram	An act to establish the ASPIRE scholarship program; to amend the law regarding casino gaming and resulting from the Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100; To direct the distribution of certain net casino gaming receipts tax revenues; to direct the distribution of certain net casino gaming receipts; and for other purposes	Referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn from Committee for Amendment Re-referred to Senate Education Committee Withdrawn by Author	Creates a scholarship using West Memphis casino funds for students from Crittenden County that enroll at ASUMS. To be administered by the ASU System
HCR1020	Gray	To encourage collaboration among the relevant entities to study and review policies related to expanding access to applied baccalaureate and workforce degrees in high-demand career fields throughout the state	Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/15 Returned to House - Passed 4/19 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/21 Returned to Senate Ordered Enrolled Approved by Governor	

SB692	English	To create the task force on the education and workforce talent pipeline	Referred to Senate Education Committee	Creates a taskforce include education, institution, and workforce designees. The taskforce is to review strategies being used by other states and make recommendations for the state of Arkansas.
SB694	Beckham	An act to require the division of higher education to develop an asynchronous module on the concepts of personal finance and macroeconomics for distribution to students enrolled in institutions of higher education; and for other purposes.	Referred to Senate Education Committee - Passed 4/20 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/21 Sent to House Referred to House Education Committee - Passed 4/22 Returned to House Delivered to Governor Now Act 1038	Would require ADHE to create a personal finance module that can be delivered through orientation, math classes, and other modes to students in Arkansas.
HB1547	Lundstrum	To prohibit the state from mandating a vaccine or immunization for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); to govern requirements for a vaccine or immunization for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and to declare an emergency	Referred to House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor - Passed 4/13 Returned to House - Passed 4/14 Sent to Senate Referred to Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor - Passed 4/19 Returned to Senate - Passed 4/21 Ordered Enrolled Now Act 977	Would prevent public institutions from requiring vaccination for students or employees. Also prohibits the requirement of vaccinations for insurance discounts. Additional incentives above the normal are not prohibited.

Act Number	Description	Link to Act	Notes
Act 19	To Substitute "Arkansas State University Three Rivers" For "College of the Ouachitas" in the Arkansas Code	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=19.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Changes ASUTR's name in code.
Act 18	To amend the name of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University; To abolish the board of Trustees of Henderson	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=18.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Updates name of Arkansas State University System, abolishes HSU's board as they are now a part of the system, and increases the size of the Board of Trustees. Emergency Clause is for compliance with

	State University; To amend the board of Arkansas State University Members; and To declare an emergency		accreditation from HLC for HSU.
Act 69	To enhance higher education fiscal accountability and transparency; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas code concerning student accounts receivable policies and certain financial condition reports.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=69.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Increases transparency of higher education governing boards for institutions, requires policies for student accounts receivable aging reports, and requires financial condition reports to include total accounts receivable and number of days of cash on hand.
Act 88	An act to create consistent language for all state entities, including without limitation state departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, regarding the equal employment hiring program; and for other purposes.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=88.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Contains specific language that must be listed in all employee handbooks describing the equal opportunity hiring program. Applies to all institutions and the division.
Act 79	To amend provisions of the Arkansas code concerning higher education	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=79.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Repeals 6-61-111 and 6-61-127. Removes "smart core" language from 6-61-221. Removes end of course assessment language from Arkansas Governor's Scholarship eligibility requirements.
Act 80	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning the applicability and additional eligibility requirements of the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - part 2.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=80.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Allows students to receive both Arkansas Governor's and Arkansas Challenge scholarships, but students may not receive more than the award amount of the Governor's scholarship. Removes High School GPA requirement from the Academic Challenge Scholarship. Clarifies reporting requirement for students receiving state aid.
Act 81	To repeal the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program - Part 1	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=81.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Repeals deprecated language of the original lottery act which was later replaced with "Part - 2".
Act 82	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=82.pdf&ddBieaniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Changes minimum letter grade requirement to 2.5 GPA requirement.

	eligibility for the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program	nnumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 76	To amend the law concerning tuition benefits for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard; and to allow a temporary waiver of the completion of the initial active duty training requirement.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=76.pdf&ddbInnumSession=2021%2F2021R	Allows National Guardsmen to receive tuition benefits prior to completing initial training in exigent circumstances.
Act 95	To add a state-supported institution of higher education to the state-supported institutions that are exempt from certain state laws that govern the construction of public facilities	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=95.pdf&ddbInnumSession=2021%2F2021R	Adds ATU to list of exempt institutions
Act 133	To allow the tuition-free benefit for soldiers and airmen of the Arkansas National Guard to apply to programs of study in which the courses are taken exclusively online.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=133.pdf&ddbInnumSession=2021%2F2021R	Allows National Guardsmen to receive tuition benefits for programs that are entirely online, including through eVersity.
Act 200	An act to reappropriate the balances of capital improvement appropriations for the department of education - division of higher education; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=200.pdf&ddbInnumSession=2021%2F2021R	Capital Improvements Appropriation
Act 217	To amend the scholarship requirements to allow certain individuals to be eligible for certain scholarships; and to declare an emergency	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=217.pdf&ddbInnumSession=2021%2F2021R	Allows Marshallese and others to be eligible for state aid scholarships.
Act 181	An act for the institutions of	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?pat	Capital Improvement Funds

	higher education reappropriations	h=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=181.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 252	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning private resident and correspondence schools	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=252.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Removes references to "Private Career Education Arbitration Panel", putting these responsibilities on the State Board of Private Career Education. Repeals 6-51-606(e).
Act 289	An act to amend provisions of Title 6 of the Arkansas code concerning provisional positions for state-supported institutions of higher education; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=289.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Increases provisional positions at ASU and UAPB
Act 276	An act to amend the process of evaluation of state boards and commissions; to require submission of a report; to recommend the abolition of a state board or commission for failure to submit a report; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=276.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 331	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning applications and eligibility for the Academic Support Scholarship, the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program, and Scholarships for Teachers in High-Need Subject Areas.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=331.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Adds the requirement of completing the FAFSA as an eligibility requirement for each of the scholarships listed: Academic Support, Arkansas Governor's, and Scholarships for Teachers in High-Need Subject Areas.
Act 355	To allow a state-supported two-year or four-year institution of higher education to designate from amongst current staff members of the institution a homeless and foster student liaison.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=355.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Permissive. No requirements.

Act 352	An act concerning a contract for employment for a president and chancellor of a state-supported institution of higher education; to specify terms regarding termination and buyout agreements that a contract for employment for a president and chancellor of a state-supported institution of higher education shall include; and for other purposes.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=352.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 379	To create the Arkansas Public Service Internship Program; and to establish extra help positions for the Arkansas Public Service Internship program	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=379.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Allows state cabinet level agencies to use extra help positions to hire undergrad and grad level students into internship positions.
Act 399	To create the Arkansas Foresters for the future scholarship program act of 2021	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=399.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 388	An act concerning the Arkansas Future Grant Program; to deem a private, nonprofit two-year or four-year institution of higher education an approved institution of higher education under the Arkansas Future Grant Program; and for other purposes.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=388.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 496	To amend the Higher Education Uniform Classification and Compensation Act; and to declare an emergency	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=496.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 539	To create the Higher Education Consumer Guide Act	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Bills/FTPDocument?path=%2FBills%2F2021R%2FPublic%2FSB397.pdf	

Act 556	An act to amend the law concerning individuals listed as mandated reporters under the child maltreatment act.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=556.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Contains specific language listing full-time and part-time employees of private or public institutions of higher education as reporters. Also includes volunteers that are at least 18 years old.
Act 545	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning technical and vocational education; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning alternate retirement plans	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=545.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 554	An act to amend provisions of Title 19 of the Arkansas code concerning motor vehicle restrictions for state-supported institutions of higher education; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=554.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 633	To amend various provisions of the Arkansas Code concerning College and career coaches program.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=633.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 636	To Amend the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program; To establish procedures and funding requirements to create or amend scholarships funded with net revenue available; and to declare an emergency	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=636.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 646	To amend provisions of the Arkansas Code Concerning minority teacher and minority administrator recruitment plans; and to amend provisions of the Arkansas Code	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=646.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Requires development of a strategic plan.

	concerning the Equity Assistance Center		
Act 688	To amend the school start date; to allow public school district boards of directors to elect to implement an alternate school calendar; and to amend the definition of a school day.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=688.pdf&ddbIenniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Not directly impacting higher ed. However institutions may shift calendars to match.
Act 743	To allow a student applying for the Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program of the Critical Needs Minority Teacher Scholarship Program to use his or her ACT Superscore	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=743.pdf&ddbIenniumSession=2021%2F2021R	Updates scholarship eligibility to include ACT superscore similar to Challenge Scholarship update made in 2017.
Act 759	An act to amend the laws concerning medication assistive persons; to allow education programs for licensed practical nurses in certain facilities; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=759.pdf&ddbIenniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 757	An act to create the Licensed Practical Nurse Pathway Pilot Program; To declare an emergency; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=757.pdf&ddbIenniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 810	To establish the Arkansas student-athlete publicity rights act	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=810.pdf&ddbIenniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 912	An act to create the Arkansas Tutoring Corps Act; to support the implementation of a sustainable tutoring program in response to learning loss; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes		

Act 958	An act to create the Star-Spangled Banner Act; and for other purposes		
Act 988	To allow dependents of certain veterans to receive tuition waivers to private, non-profit institutions of higher education in this state; and to cap the amount of the tuition waiver for dependents of certain veterans.		
Act 977	To prohibit the state from mandating a vaccine or immunization for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); to govern requirements for a vaccine or immunization for coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19); and to declare an emergency		
Act 1020	To create the transparency in foreign investment act; and to declare an emergency		
Act 1027	An act to make technical corrections to Arkansas law concerning the acceptance of certain federal benefits promoting vocational education; and for other purposes		
Approved Resolution	To encourage collaboration among the relevant entities to study and review policies related to expanding access to applied baccalaureate and workforce degrees in high-demand career fields throughout the state		

Act 1038	An act to require the division of higher education to develop an asynchronous module on the concepts of personal finance and macroeconomics for distribution to students enrolled in institutions of higher education; and for other purposes.		
Act 1066	An act to improve student outcomes by providing students, parents, and guidance counselors with reliable information regarding the cost of college and job opportunities in Arkansas; and for other purposes	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=1066.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	
Act 1069	To require that certain information be included on student identification cards or identification badges.	https://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/Acts/FTPDocument?path=%2FACTS%2F2021R%2FPublic%2F&file=1069.pdf&ddBienniumSession=2021%2F2021R	