#### 2019 School Law Conference

Career Ed

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Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators

Pink = Corner

Orange = Inst.

Green = Bus/Ops

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### Where do Acts go into effect?



• July 24, 2019

Unless the bill/act included an emergency clause.



### 92nd General Assembly



- 1667 bills filed.
- 875 bills will become Acts.
- 262 education bills filed.
- AAEA tracked 231 bills.
- 132 of the bills AAEA tracked became laws.



### Act 83 - Literacy plan (SB 153)



#### **ADE BIII**

- District shall include a literacy plan in the annual school-level improvement plan
- Literacy plan shall include curriculum and PD program that are: aligned with literacy needs and based on science of reading.





By 2020-21 school year, ADE shall identify and create an approved list of materials, resources, and curriculum programs that are supported by the science of reading and based on instruction that is explicit, systematic, cumulative, and diagnostic



- Dyslexia programs that are evidence based and aligned to structured literacy or grounded in the Orton-Gillingham methodology
- Evidence-based reading intervention programs
- Evidence-based reading programs grounded in the science of reading



By the 2020-2021 school year:

- District shall choose a curriculum program from the ADE approved list
- If district selects some other curriculum then they shall submit a rationale and evidence based research around the alternative curriculum





# By the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year

 Establish a PD program on the science of reading and provide the PD on an annual basis



### Act 84 - Retirement (SB 209)



Technical corrections bill for changing the name of the Career Education and Workforce Development Board to make sure those employees do not have problems with their retirement.



## Act 85 - Retirement (SB210)



 Technical corrections for ATRS to better define contributory and member contributions.



## Act 117 - AETN (HB 1098)



 Appropriates funds to the Department of Education, Educational Television Division for fiscal 2019-20 operations.



## Act 145 - Facilities (SB 137)



- Appropriates funds to the ADE Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation for fiscal 2019-2020.
- Includes Partnership Funds.
- Emergency clause.



## Act 166 - Penalty for passing a stopped school bus (HB 1006)

 Reckless disregard for passenger safety then it will listed as a Class A misdemeanor.

• Fine of \$500 to \$2500



## Act 168 - School board member training (HB 1021)



- Removes the phrase, "within the first 15 months of service" from code for certain training.
- Now all required training must be completed by
   December 31 of the year after they were elected.





## Act 170 - Teacher Salary Enhancement Act (HB 1145)

- Increases the starting teacher salary from \$31,800 to \$36,000 by 2022-2023.
- \$60 million fund to assist districts.
- Law goes into effect July 1, 2019.
- Districts must meet minimum salary schedule, going above is local decision.

## Act 171 - Military families (HB 1175)



 Exempts an active-duty family who transfers in & resides on a military base from deadlines that otherwise apply to school transfer applications.

Application must be filed within 15 days of arrival.



Revises the funding for secondary vocational centers starting 2020-2021

- Current funding at \$3250 will be discontinued for a tiered funding system based on needs and cost
- Rules will be developed by Dept of Career Ed and approved by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board



## Act 186 - Immunity for Mandated Reporters (HB 1022)

 Grant immunity from civil and criminal liability to reports of child abuse made in good faith.



## Act 187 - Restricts sex offenders from a K-12 campus (HB 1023)

- Tightens exceptions for relatives to those within a 2nd degree of consanguinity (was 4th degree) and to great-grandparents.
- 1st & 2nd degree -parents, siblings, grandparents, uncles/aunts, first cousins.

## Act 190 - School Counseling Improvement Act (SB 199)

 Administrative Activities - Means activities that are not directly related to the comprehensive school counseling plan and are absent of any direct student services or interaction.





Direct Services - services that are provided through face-to-face contact with students, including:

- 40 minute class sessions not to exceed 3 per day or 10 per week.
- Individual and group counseling





Personal concerns and problems that may put the student's academic, career, or social and emotional development at risk, including the administration of a risk-assessment; and





 Interventions for students that are: at risk of dropping out of exhibiting dangerous behaviors such as drug use, self-harm, or gang activity.





Indirect services - means consultations between a student, a parent or legal guardian, school staff, and community agencies concerning a student's academic, career, and social and emotional needs.

District shall develop written plan & post on website.

Reviewed by the counselor annually & revised.



Counselor shall spend at least 90% of student contact days providing direct and indirect services

Intervening, follow up with graduates, orientation for new students, academic advisement, career planning, providing social/emotional skills, serve as a "contributing"member of decision-making teams, etc.



Counselor shall not exceed 10% administrative duties during student contact days

 Coordinating state assessments, developing master schedules, coordination of 504, RTI,
 Parent Involvement, PBIS, AP and/or gifted, monitoring students in common areas





#### Beginning 2020-2021

- ADE shall monitor to ensure implementation
- Failure to comply will result in standards violation.



## Act 198 - Telecommunications (SB <u>1</u>50)

- Allows government entities to provide voice, data, broadband, video, or wireless telecommunication service under permitted arrangements.
  - Government entity may apply for funding to be used for construction, acquisition, or leasing of facilities to deploy broadband service.

### Act 203 - Tax Credit (SB 226)



Amends income tax credit for donation or sales of machinery and equipment to certain educational institutions.

 Tax payers may qualify for donating or sales of equipment to secondary vocational programs if approved by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commissi

#### Act 209 - ATRS (HB 1308)



 A disability retiree may be employed by a school and also receive disability retirement for LESS than 80 days. (Previously 40 days)



### Act 210 - ATRS (HB 1316)



 Expands the eligibility for a dependent child to draw an annuity after a parent is deceased to 18-23 if they continuously enrolled as a full-time student. (Previously the child had to be 18 or under to be eligible)



## Act 245 - Bleeding Control Training (HB 1014)

 Beginning in 2019-2020, bleeding control training shall be a component of a health course in 9-12.

 ADE will develop the training and promulgate rules.

## Act 247 - Sunscreen (HB 1167)



- Provides that students may possess and use topical sunscreen, which is categorized as an over-the-counter drug.
- School employees are not required to apply sunscreen on a student.



#### Act 251 - Teacher of the Year (HB 1319)



- Expands definition of "teacher" to include a person who holds a license & is engaged in student contact for more than 70% of a person's time.
   This will capture media specialist, counselors, etc.
- ADE may develop rules



## Act 288 - Using cell phone in a school zone (HB 1182)



 Makes the offense of using a cell phone while driving in a school zone a primary offense for which a law enforcement officer may stop a driver for non-compliance.



#### Act 296 - ATRS (SB 218)



- Authorizes the board of ATRS to allow early participation in Teacher Deferred Retirement
   Option Plan with at least 28 years of service.
- Sets the plan deposit calculation for members.
- Emergency clause



## Act 297 - ATRS (SB 222)



Makes changes to ATRS regarding participants'
election to become contributory or noncontributory
members upon presentation of written election to
the system; makes structural changes to
contributory status.



## Act 323 - Drug Screening (HB 1396)



District may develop a policy to:

- Pre-employment screening
- Randomly screen current school employees
- Implement disciplinary actions dismissal, temporary leave, and/or drug treatment



# Act 328 - Election Page (HB 1492)



 Students may volunteer to serve as election pages and be granted an additional excused absence from school while working as an election page.



## Act 369 - Work based program (SB 140)



Allows Dept of Career Ed to establish a work
based program that will provide students a highquality supervised work experience along with 1
or 2 years of postsecondary learning



# Act 421 - AR Procurement (HB 1180)



Mandates state agencies to use a state contact unless exemption is approved by the State Procurement Director

Does not impact schools using TIPS/TAPS, etc.



## Act 426 - Reciprocal licensing (HB 1301)



 Requires professional licensing boards to adopt the "least restrictive requirements" for reciprocal licensing of persons with licenses in other states, through temporary 90-day licenses.



## Act 427 - ATRS (HB 1320)



- Technical corrections bill.
  - Definition of administrator in higher ed.
  - 18 year amortization rather than 30 year.
  - Trustee changed superintendent or coop director to administrator.
  - Clarified survivor annuity.



# Act 428 -Hunger-Free Zone (HB 1356)



#### A school shall not:

- Provide a meal or snack different from other students
- Prevent a student from accessing the school's meal or snack services



#### Act 428 - Continued



After 5 lunch charges the school MAY contact parent to:

- Attempt to collect
- Request parent apply for meal benefits



#### Act 428 - Continued



If child is unable to pay school shall NOT:

Have student wear a wristband, hand stamp,
 dispose of meal after served, sit in separate
 location, make student charges publicly known, or
 stigmatize the student

ADE will provide model policies and monitor local practices

# Act 429 - Student Charges (HB 1413)



Prohibits districts charging private school students or homeschooled students for enrolling in endorsed current credit course unless they also charge public school students

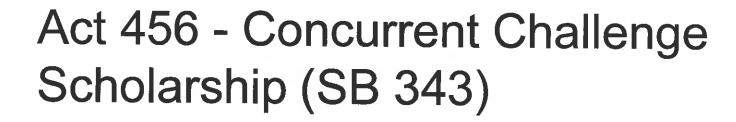


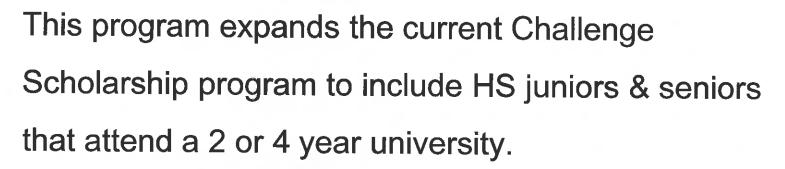
# Act 430 - Policy to Attend School (HB 1419)



District shall adopt a policy that allows private or home school students to enroll in an academic course at a public school where the student resides, provided their enrollment with not create a financial loss for the district.







- \$125 per hour up to \$500 to fund tuition, etc.
- University shall offer a 50% discount on tuition & fees of an endorsed concurrent course.

#### Act 456 - Continued



A student successfully completes and endorsed concurrent class if they earn a "C"

 If not successful they are still retain eligibility for scholarship; however, they can just sign up for 1 endorsed class. If they are not successful in that class they lose eligibility

# Act 464 - Renewable Energy (SB 145)





### Act 466 -Personal Finance (SB 316)



 Now schools can offer personal and family finance course in grades 9-12. (Previously 10-12) This is a graduation requirement for the 2019-20 junior class.



# Act 473 - Election Notice (SB 233)



The county board of election commissioners shall give notice of all school elections under Ark Code 7-5-202. This moves the burden of advertising for school elections from a district to the county board of election commissioners.



## Act 475 - Ethical Violations (SB 307)



Rules on ethical violations include a person under an emergency teaching permit or if a licenses expires during the ethics complaint process.



# Act 506 - Farm to School (HB 1615)



Program has three core elements

- School gardens
- Food, nutrition, and agriculture education
- Procurement of local farm or food products for school meals and snacks



#### Act 506 - Continued



A full-time coordinator position will be developed within the Arkansas Agriculture Department.

- Coordinator shall implement a statewide farm to school and early childhood education program in collaboration with stakeholders
- Prepare annual report starting Feb 15, 2020



# Act 509 - Equalization Board (HB 1659)



The County Equalization Board does not have jurisdiction and shall not accept a petition for the adjustment of the valuation of mineral rights



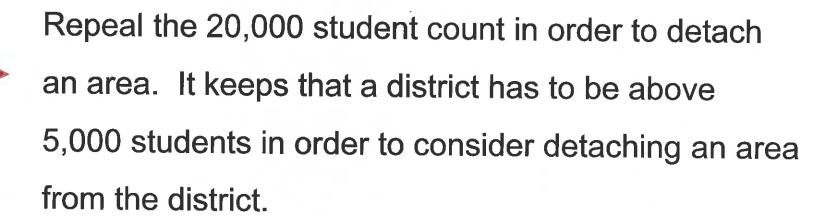
# Act 523 - Residential Reimbursement (SB 384)

Cover educational cost of a student in an out of state residential or inpatient facility subject to:

- Physician says placement is medically necessary
- In a state that borders Arkansas
- Limit to 20 students with an IEP
- Availability of department funds



# Act 528 - Detachment Requirement (HB 1416)





### Act 530 - Imminent Threat (HB 1437)



Person shall notify law enforcement if they have a "good faith" belief there is a serious/imminent threat made regarding violence in or targeted at a school if communicated in the course of his/her prof. duties.

 List 34 different people/positions that are included as mandated reporters.

#### Act 530 - Continued



Must notify law enforcement within 24 hours

- Failure to report ranges from Class A misdemeanor to Class C
- Knowing report a false allegation would be a Class A misdemeanor the first time to a Class D felony the second time



### Act 532 - School Funds (HB 1485)



Expands allowable expenditures of NSL funds to:

- Dyslexia and intervention programs
- Recruiting and retaining effective teachers (above the minimum salary schedule)
- Approaches in district's support plan that address disproportionate low-income or minority students taught be ineffective teachers

#### Act 532 - Continued



District support plan shall include identified gaps in equitable access to effective teachers through a review of data, student growth, root-cause analysis, research strategies.

District can also establish compensation based on a tiered system of licensure

## Act 536 - Background Checks (HB 1544)



Adds offenses that would disqualify people from obtaining a teaching license such as:

- Endangering the welfare of a minor in 2nd degree
- Trafficking of a person
- Aggravated assault on a family member
- Computer crimes against a minor



# Act 538 - Assessment of Mineral Rights (HB 1559)



- Bullet Point



# Act 540 - Obtaining a Teaching License (HB 1638)

- Alters requirements for the issuance of an elem.
   teaching license or a special ed. teaching license.
- Removes mandated pedagogical assessment.
- Now requires applicants demonstrate pedagogical competence.





# Act 545 - School Elections (SB 445)



Annual school elections will be held on:

- Even number years on the date of the preferential primary or general election
- Odd number years on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November or the third Tuesday in May



## Act 548 - Succeed Scholarship (HB 1467)



 Makes students with disabilities who have an individualized service plan (ISP) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act eligible for the Succeed Scholarship Program.



# Act 549 - Academic Challenge Scholarship (HB 1647)

Amends eligibility requirements for the Arkansas
 Academic Challenge Scholarship by changing the
 minimum composite score on the ACT to a
 minimum superscore on the ACT or on an ACT
 equivalent.



### Act 552 - School Elections (SB 158)



Requires that vote totals from any annual school election be filed with the county board of commissioners in the county in which the school district is domiciled; requires the commission to deliver duplicates to the county clerks of non-domicile counties.

## Act 553 - Election Officials SB 235)



- Strikes restrictions that prevent school employees to act as election officials.
- Voluntary duty.



## Act 554 - Educational Neglect (SB 250)



- A call to the Child Abuse Hotline regarding educational neglect can only be accepted if the report alleges:
  - Habitually absent without justification.
  - Negative impact on child's grades.
  - Not caused by refusal of child to attend.



# Act 557 - Corporal Punishment (SB 381)



- Prohibits districts from using corporal punishment on a child with a disability.
- Remove civil liability immunity for personnel and volunteers who violate this provision.
- Intellectually disabled, non-ambulatory, nonverbal, or autistic.

# Act 563 - Bus driver health insurance (HB 1223)



- Full-time bus drivers employed to drive regular routes during the school year are eligible for health insurance.
- Very broad definition of "full-time."



# Act 577 - 2 Way Radio (HB 1683)



Excludes two-way radio devices and similar devices from the definition of cellular phone, handheld wireless telephone, etc. for the purpose of permitting their use while operating a school bus.



## Act 583 - Charitable Giving (SB 146)



 Creates a sales tax exemption for merchandise withdrawn from stock for donation to a nonprofit, public educational institution, church or individual with damaged property or loss in a natural disaster.



# Act 591 - Investment of Funds (SB 501)



 Expands the types of financial instruments in which a guardian of an estate may invest to include bonds issued by a school districts, certificates of deposit and various other notes, bonds and debentures.



### Act 594 - ATRS (HB 1310)



 Amends a provision for funding the public school employer contribution for ATRS from 14% to 15%.

 Funds appropriated by the State of AR (old language said appropriated to the ADE).



# Act 595 - ATRS (HB 1335)



 Provides that if a person has accrued a full year of service credit for a fiscal year that the annuity shall not begin earlier than on July 1 after the fiscal year for the purposes of voluntary retirement under ATRS.



#### Act 597 - School Board Elections



School shall adopt policy when to hold annual elections and shall provide a copy to the county board of election commissioners at least 100 days before the first day a respective candidate filing period.

Candidates may circulate petition not earlier than
 90 days before filing deadline

# Act 602 - Excess Food (HB 1569)



 Allows public schools to distribute excess food, that which is remaining after a school has served breakfast and lunch, to students within stated guidelines and in compliance with USDA standards.



## Act 603 - Licensure (HB 1600)



- Declares an individual who earns a teaching license upon successful completion of the Non-Traditional Licensure or Professional Pathway to Educator Licensure an eligible student for the State Teacher Education Program.
- \$ for teaching in shortage fields or geographical areas.

## Act 610 - Tax exemption (HB 1713)



 Exempts vehicles and heavy equipment leased by the state, including property of state agencies, institutions, boards, or commissions for at least 12 months from property tax.



#### Act 617 - DLs (HB 1867)



 Repeals the school attendance and grade requirements for a minor who is applying for a driver's license instruction permit.



# Act 628 -Licensure (SB 382)



- Authorizes the SBE to promulgate rules for the reinstatement of a revoked teaching license after five years, or ten years since a revocation resulting from a felony or ethics violation.
- Licenses cannot be reinstated if the revocation concerned physical or sexual abuse/injury.





#### Act 629 - School Police (SB 383)



• Establishes procedures for a school district superintendent or a charter school to designate one or more employees as an institutional law enforcement officer to exercise police supervision on school properties.



#### Act 629 - Continued



- Have all powers provided by law to law enforcement officers, which shall be exercised as required for the protection of the school.
- Meet the standards and qualifications for certification required by the Arkansas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training.



## Act 631- Accountability (SB 477)



- Amends school accountability reporting provisions.
- From NCLB to ESSA.



# Act 632 - Weighted Credit (SB 478)



- Applies new standards for the ADE in approving courses for weighted credit.
- Added "approved courses for weighted credit" and "IB" to AP and Honors courses.





### Act 634- Tax Exemption (SB 581)



 Creates a sales tax exemption for sales by a youth athletic organization at a concession stand.





# Act 640 - Discipline (HB 1398)



- Repeals mandatory expulsion from school for possession of firearms or weapons.
- Requires programs or alternative methods to continue student engagement during suspensions and expulsions.
- PPC review student discipline policies annually.



### Act 641 - Recess (HB 1409)



- Requires a minimum of 40 minutes of instructional time be used for "recess."
- Supervised, unstructured social time during which students may communicate with each other.
- Free play and vigorous physical activity.
- Principal can adjust for special circumstances.
- Inside or outside.





# Act 647 - Notification (HB 1551)



- Makes various changes to provisions for school notification following conviction or adjudication of a minor.
- Arresting agency shall notify the school of the arrest or detention of a student for certain offenses.



### Act 656 - Home School (HB 1508)



 Declares home-schooled students eligible to participate in interscholastic activities at a private school immediately upon being approved to participate.



# Act 657 - Tax Appeals (HB 1562)



- Property owner shall pay the least of:
  - Taxes owed not in dispute.
  - o Taxes due by court order.
  - Taxes due on last year's assessment.
- After final disposition of an appeal, taxes are due within 30 days.

#### Act 658 - Bid Bonds (HB 1572)



 Changes the threshold amount for a contractor's requirement to furnish a bond when entering a public capital improvement project, from a minimum \$20,000 contract to the threshold amount for publication of notice to receive bids, currently \$35,000.

# Act 661 - General Assembly ban (HB 1374)



 Places a two-year ban former members of the General Assembly taking employment as the director of an ESC or as the director of an area agency on aging.



#### Act 666 - PD (HB 1657)



- Adds "professional learning credits" to teacher accreditation professional development provisions.
- Changed parental involvement to "family and community engagement"
- Arkansas History from a "45 hour PD piece" to
   "an approved learning pathway."

# Act 667 - Funding (HB 1685)



- 2019-20 Foundation Funding \$6,899 (+\$118)
- 2020-21 Foundation Funding \$7,018 (+\$119)
- Includes increased cost of Teacher Retirement.
- Employer contribution increasing from 14% to 14.25%.





ALE Funding

0 2018-2019

\$4640 per student

o 2019-2020

\$4700 per student (+\$60)

0 2020-2021

\$4700 per student





PD Funding

o 2018-2019

\$32.40\*

o 2019-2020

\$32.40\*

o 2020-2021

\$40.80\* (+\$8 per student)

\*Not all of this amount will go to public schools

- Enhanced Transportation
  - 110 districts to receive funds





• ELL Funding

2018-2019 \$33

o 2019-2020

0 2020-2021

\$338 per student

\$345 per student (+\$7)

\$352 per student (+\$7)





 "Up to \$12.5 million funding provided in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 for the development and administration of professional learning communities for the benefit of public school districts."



## Act 676 - Immunizations (HB 1786)



- Requires schools to create, maintain and post online the number of students who have an exemption from immunizations and the number of students who have failed to provide proof of vaccinations and who have not obtained an exemption from DHS.
- December 1



# Act 690 - Homeless (SB 340)



- Adds LEA liaisons for homeless children as providers of consent for their medical care.
- "May" not "shall."
- Emergency clause.



### Act 692 - ADE (SB 358)



 "Clean-up" bill that old language on advisory committees, boards, and programs (such as CPEP and county boards of education) that do not exist anymore.



## Act 709 - Expulsions (HB 1790)



 Requires schools to <u>offer</u> expelled students digital learning courses or other alternative educational courses for credit equal to what the expelled student may have received while enrolled.



# Act 727 - Appropriation (SB 138)



- Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for fiscal 2019-2020 operations.
- Succeed Scholarship \$3 million.
- Emergency clause.



# Act 728 - Teachers (SB 392)



- Repeals exemptions that are applied to teachers who have negotiated contracts through collective bargaining.
- Example duty free lunch.





### Act 737 - Disclosure (SB 530)



Imposes disclosure requirements relating to protests and appeals of property taxes or assessments before county equalization boards, providing that evidence not disclosed within a specified time (5 days) period will be inadmissible.



# Act 754 - Academic School Choice (HB1468)



 Changes references to schools in academic distress to schools in need of Level 5 — intensive support or public schools with a rating of "F" under state laws and board rules.





- Adds foster parents & this standing in loco parentis to compulsory school attendance laws.
- Defines "in loco parentis."
- Authorizes early enrollment in kindergarten for students from out of state who arrived under court (custody) or military orders.

# Act 757 - Reporting (HB 1573)



- School performance report to be posted on district's website not later than 10 days after posted on ADE website.
- ESSA language added.
- Old de-seg language removed.



### Act 761 - Charters (HB 1730)



 Authorizes the transfer or assignment of a charter school to an eligible entity under the Arkansas
 Quality Charter Schools Act of 2013.



# Act 764 - AAA (HB 1808)



- Repeals uncodified acts authorizing AAA to allow a private school student to participate on an athletic team at a public high school the student will attend during the next school year if certain conditions exist.
- Original bill affected one district.



### Act 772 - Tax exemption (SB 582)



 Creates a sales tax exemption for machinery used to make or repair existing molds and dies that a manufacturer uses in it's own processes.



# Act 808 - Tax Credit (SB 447)



Increases the Homestead Property Tax Credit from \$350.00 to \$375.00 and provides for transfers to the County Voting System Grant Fund (\$8M) and to counties and municipalities (\$2M), rest transferred to the Long Term Reserve Fund. before the distributions of excess funds to offset school district losses.

### Act 809 - Safe Schools (SB 449)



Amends the composition of the Safe Schools
 Committee. AAEA still has two appointments.



# Act 815 - Waivers (SB 538)



 Allows all school districts to apply for waivers even if that district does not have students attending a charter school.

Limits waivers to 5 years





# Act 824 - School Board Members (HB 1018)

 Increases the number of school districts entitled to nine board members by lowering the population requirements from those with an ADM of 24,000 or more to those with an ADM of 20,000 or more.



# Act 827 - Succeed Scholarship (HB 1400)



 Requires the Bureau of Legislative Research to conduct a biennial study of the Succeed
 Scholarship Program and file the report with the House and Senate Committees on Education.



#### Act 827 - Continued



#### Study items to include:

- Number of students with IEP
- Number who tested and results of those test
- Number of non-accredited schools
- Number of students dismissed or returned to public school, etc.



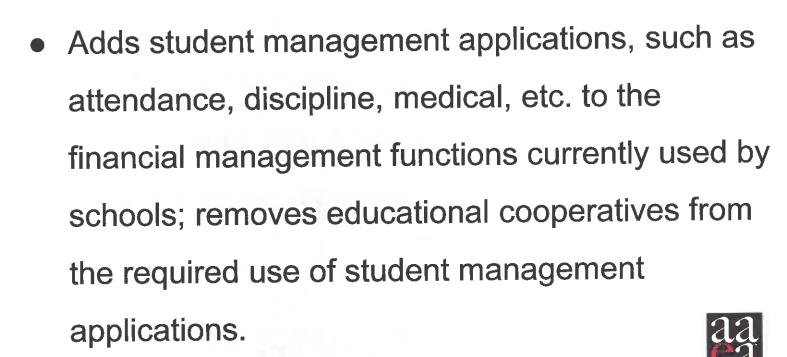
# Act 828 - Budget Publication (HB 1404)



 Allows a school district's budget to be published in a newspaper that is not published in the county, but does have a bona fide circulation in the county.



# Act 832 - Student Management (HB 1498)



# Act 841 - Prevention-First (HB 1621)



- Requires schools or state agencies that provide education programs concerning risk behavior to utilize a prevention-first and risk avoidance strategy programming message.
- Physical, emotional, social, mental, and spiritual.
- Primary and secondary prevention strategies defined.

#### Act 841 - Continued



#### Risk Behavior Includes

 Smoking, consuming alcohol, abusing drugs, early initiation into sexual activities, dating violence, misusing technology, blackmailing, cyberbullying, sexting, etc.



# Act 843 - Scoliosis (HB 1641)



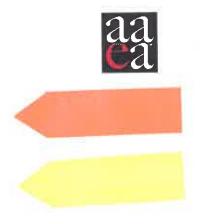
- Authorizes the ADE in coordination with the ADH to promulgate rules relating to scoliosis screening in schools.
- Previously ADH promulgated rules.



### Act 844 - Residency (HB 1684)



- To allow a state-supported institution of higher ed.
  to classify certain students as in-state for
  purposes of tuition and fees at a state-supported
  institution of higher ed.
- DACA students.



# Act 847 - Pay to Play (HB 1701)



Prohibits a student from being required to pay for individual or group instruction in order to participate in extracurricular activities



#### Act 848 - Bond Sale (HB 1702)



Allows district to advertise for sale of bond in a newspaper that has bona fide circulation in the county in which the school district is administered.



## Act 851 - Asthma Inhalers (HB 1745)



School district shall adopt policy to allow school nurse or trained school employee to store and administer epinephrine auto-injector or albuterol and administer to a student who employee, in good faith, believes is in perceived respiratory distress.



# Act 852 - Historical Documents (HB 1747)

Amends documents that district shall allow posted in school building to include:

- Bill of Rights
- Northwest Ordinance
- Emancipation Proclamation
- Gettysburg Address and others



#### Act 852 - Continued



Requires for graduation that the school teaches and a student demonstrates knowledge, understanding and a passing grade in course including instruction on:

- Declaration of Independence
- US Constitution and amendments
- Representative reading from the Federalist papers



#### Act 853 - Minimum Wage (HB 1753)



It is lawful to pay employees by automatic deposit or debit card preloaded with amount (requires 1 free withdrawal)

If employer discharges employee then they are required to pay all wages by the next regular payday. If they fail to do so within 7 days then shall owe the employee double wages due.

# Act 858 - Traffic Impact Study (HB 1847)

District shall notify DOT of its site selection.

- Dept may conduct a traffic analysis to determine impact of a school on the traffic
- District may incorporate results/recommendations
  of the analysis and cost of implementing may be
  considered an eligible construction expense

#### Act 867 - School Audits (HB 1934)



Prohibits a district from selecting an alternative basis for its annual school audit and instead mandates a regulatory basis audit

 233 out of 235 school districts currently us the regulatory basis audit



# Act 877 Appropriation (SB 136)



- Appropriates funds to the Department of Education for grants and aid to local school districts and special programs for fiscal 2019-2020.
- Includes foundation funding.



#### Act 884 - Real Property



- Bullet Point



# Act 912 - Student Media (HB 1432)



- Protects "right of expression" for student media.
- Protects school officials or board members from any criminal/civil action action arising from a student publication.
- Student media that harass, threaten, or intimidate are not permitted.





#### Act 929 - Fiscal Accountability (SB483)



ADE shall review the financial management practices of districts including best practices.

- Identify early indicators of fiscal distress and early interventions
- Provide continuous fiscal support to districts who have been turned back to local control for 3 years.



#### Act 929 - Continued



Added additional indicators of fiscal distress

- Failure to comply with rules concerning general business manager qualifications
- Failure to comply with reporting, debt approval, or other requirements placed on a district that has been returned to local control



#### Act 933 - Academic Facilities (SB 549)



Districts use the computerized management system (SchoolDude) shall include:

- Entering and tracking all reactive and preventative maintenance work
- Entering preventative maintenance schedules
- Documenting completed work orders
- Scheduling state-mandated inspections





## Act 937 - Human Trafficking (SB 593)



ADE and DHS shall provide awareness and training materials on human trafficking and strategies for the prevention of trafficking children





### Act 939 - Interstate Compact (SB 638)



Adds members to state interstate compact committee Children of military families shall have equitable access to academic courses and programs and to extracurricular academic, athletic, and social programs.

Districts with 20 or more children of military shall hire a military education coordinator.

# Act 960 - Adult charter (HB 1558)



- Provides that a nonprofit entity that has committed the required \$1 million opening fee to an adult education charter school is exempt from any further pledge to operate a second adult education charter school.
- Goodwill.



# Act 969 - Violence (HB 1733)



 Establishes a Class C felony for making a threat to commit mass violence on school property, including all daycare, preschool, K-12, and higher education properties.



# Act 979 - Class size (HB 1890)



 Requires the ADE to identify the maximum number of students in grades 5-12 that a teacher is permitted to teach without receiving additional compensation.





## Act 982 - ADC (HB 1941)



- Authorizes public employees to purchase \$200 of furniture annually that is produced by the Department of Corrections' Industry Division, including retirees.
- Removes prohibition against nonprofits re-selling the goods for profit.



# Act 983 - Schoolhouse (HB 1385)



- Defines schoolhouse for purposes of alcoholic beverage licensing to include public, charter, and private schools as well as daycare facilities and similar entities.
- Does not include a "home school."



## Act 1016 - Bible (HB 1626)



 The ADE shall, by the 2019-2020 school year, identify, develop, and approve a Bible course for high school credit that meets the requirements outlined in 6-16-145.



# Act 1018 - Civil Rights (HB 1648)



 Specifies that materials and resources required for teaching African-American history in public schools include Arkansas civil rights leaders and events during the civil rights era.





### Act 1028 - FOIA (HB 1928)



- Amends the FOIA to require all open public meetings to be at least audio-recorded, and for the audio, video, or recordable broadcast to be maintained for one year in a format that may be reproduced upon request.
- Does not include executive session

# Act 1040 - Background Checks (HB 1700)



- Sets a 30-day deadline for the ADE to inform the school board of a job applicant's eligibility following a background check.
- Districts shall check non-licensed employees once per five years.





# Act 1064 - ARSafeSchools (HB 1963)



Creates the ARSafeSchools pilot program for
 UAMS to provide a crisis line through telephone or
 text message for students to anonymously report
 various incidents, crimes, or symptoms of mental
 illness concerning themselves or others.



### Act 1029 - Continued



- Bullying includes cyberbullying.
- Investigated promptly, parents of alleged victim notified, written report, if disciplinary action is taken notify the parents of the perpetrator.
- Supt reports to the SB at least once a year the number of incidents and action taken.



# Act 1029 - Anti-bullying (HB 1933)



- School board members shall receive training on school safety & student discipline once.
- 2 hours of PD required for educators on bullying prevention. Counts towards current reqs.
- ADE shall develop a document to assist in resolving complaints concerning bullying.



# Act 1075 - Electronic bids (SB 409)



- Establishes a system for the online advertisement of bid notices by local governmental units.
- Establishes a Public Works Committee (AAEA is represented) to administer this law and report annually to the Office of State Procurement.



### Act 1078 - Succeed Scholarship



Expands program for foster children who have been adopted and currently using program

Expands eligibility to students who has been medically diagnosed by a licensed physician as a child with a disability



# Act 1079 - Career Ed Board (SB 522)



- Renames and amends the duties of the Career
   Education and Workforce Development Board.
- AAEA is a current member.
- Expands board membership.





# Act 1080 - Facilities (SB 535)



- Revises the method for calculating the Academic Facilities Wealth Index starting 2024-25.
- Changes based on recommendations from the Facilities Task Force.



### Act 1080 - Continued



 "The proposed wealth index change will favor districts that have had sharp declines in enrollment, particularly small districts. It will also reduce state funding participation for large, fast growing school districts."



### Act 1080 - Continued



 "The Advisory Committee's analysis of the recommended wealth index revision finds that 174 districts will see an increase in the state share they are eligible for."



## Act 1082 - NSL (SB 605)



 Places new requirements on the ADE & districts, among them coordinated & direct support from the ADE to certain school districts & development of literacy plans by categorized school districts.

No district will lose NSL money.



#### Act 1082 - Continued



- Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the ADE shall provide:
- Level 3 Coordinated support to a district in which 40% or more of the district's students score "in need of support" on the state's prior year summative assessment for reading.

#### Act 1082 - Continued



- Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the ADE shall provide:
- Level 4 Directed support to a public school district in which 50% or more of its students score "in need of support" on the state's prior year summative assessment for reading.



#### Act 1082 - Continued



• The list of approved programs established before the passage of this act by the state board under subdivision (b)(4)(C)(i)(a) of this section shall expire on June 30, 2022.



# Act 1083 - NSL to ESA (SB 605)



 Changes the name of national school lunch state categorical funding to Enhanced Student Achievement Funding.



### **TITLE**



- Bullet Point

