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Sent via Email

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Re: Rules report pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §25-15-216(b)(3)(A)

Mrs. Miller-Rice,

Please see the enclosed report by the Arkansas Department of Education to satisfy the reporting requirement for the month of March 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. F. Rhodes", is placed over a light blue rectangular background.

Andrés F. Rhodes
Chief Legal Counsel

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**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Administrative Rule Progress Report
October 2023**

Department of Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
237	16	New	Prohibited Indoctrination	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
546	1,2	New	The Arkansas Adult Diploma Program	This rule has been drafted and will be presented to the State Board of Education at the March Board meeting.
237	38	Amend	Public School Choice	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
237	44	New	The Transportation Modernization Grant Program	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.

Arkansas State Library

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
566	11	Amend	Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.

Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
237	8	Amend	The Academic Facilities Partnership Program	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.

Division of Career and Technical Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
654	4	New	Approval of Computer Science-Related Career and Technical Education Courses	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
867	7	New	Vocational Start-up Grant Program	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
101	1	New	Water Safety Information Provided by Public Schools	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
237	21	New	Maternity Leave Cost-Sharing	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	37	Amend	Educator Performance	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
317	2	New	Public School Policies Relating to Overnight Travel and Use of Public School Lavatories	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
237	23 24 46	Amend	Educator Licensure	The amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	16	New	Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Program	This rule is in the drafting process.
237; 654; 633	11, 12, 13; 3; 1	Amend	Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act	This amendment is in the drafting process.
347	1	Amend	School District Waivers	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.

654	2, 4	Amend	Grading and Course Credit	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	20	New	Tutoring Grants	This rule has been submitted to the Bureau for review and approval by the ALC Rules Subcommittee.
237	29	Amend	The Right to Read Act	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.

State Board of Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
237	14	New	School Transformation Contracts	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
237	20	New	The Course Choice Program	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	42	New	The Educational Freedom Account Program	Emergency rules have been promulgated. The permanent rule has been revised post-public comment and will be released for a second round of public comment.
237	51	New	Dyslexia Screenings in Schools	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	58	New	The Arkansas Unified Early Childhood Care and Education System (Arkansas Better Chance)	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
869	15	Amend	Implementation of the Braille and Large Print Textbook Appropriation	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	20	New	Career-Ready Pathways in Arkansas Public Schools	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	29	Amend	The Right to Read Act	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval. Also under DESE.
572	10	Amend	Consolidation and Annexation of Public School Districts	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
572	11	New	Implementation of the Inpatient and Residential Facilities Appropriation	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.

572	12	New	Implementation of the Juvenile Detention Facilities Appropriation	This rule has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	49	Amend	Public Charter Schools	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
637	1	New	Adoption Awareness	The Department is requesting this rule to be removed from Act 595 Reporting.

Division of Higher Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
413	1	New & Amend	*Multiple rule titles – all rules relating to scholarship programs	These rules are in the drafting process.
751	1	New	The Sustainable Building Maintenance Program	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
870	41	New	The Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
870	47	New	The Governor’s Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
737; 811	2	New	Automated External Defibrillators and Opioid Rescue Kits	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.
244	1	New	Financial Aid Appeals	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	54	New	Universal Academic Credit	This amendment has been drafted and is undergoing agency staff review.
237	57	New	Arkansas Teacher Academy Scholarship Program	This rule has been drafted and is pending Gubernatorial approval.