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Re: Act 595 Report

Ms. Whittaker:

Below is a monthly update for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) under Act 595 of 2021. There are two newly enacted statutes that required the promulgation of rules.

**1. Act 263 of 2021**

This Act made technical changes to the Telecommunications Access Program, an assistive-technology initiative assigned to ARS. ARS has submitted a final draft of the proposed rule to the Governor's Office for review.

**2. Act 282 of 2021**

This Act amended the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program, a recruitment and retention program for certain ARS staff. ARS has submitted a final draft of the proposed rule to the Governor's Office for review.

Thank you. If further information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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