

**Arkansas Legislative Council Report
For Emergency Approval of
Amendment to MAC Security Policy
February 7, 2023**

On February 7, 2023, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, were notified of a request for emergency action for the approval of an amendment to the MAC Security Policy related to access to the Fifth Floor of the MAC Building by visitors of members of the General Assembly via the key card restricted elevators. Expedited approval of the amendment was required due to members of the House of Representatives moving into new temporary office space on the second floor of the MAC Building beginning today, February 7, 2023.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, have determined that emergency approval of the amendment to the MAC Security Policy, as indicated by the markup in the attached document, is necessary in order to meet the needs of the legislators whose office spaces will now be located in the MAC Building while continuing to enforce the security measures implemented for the Fifth Floor MAC Building offices and committee rooms.

This action is taken by the Co-Chairs on behalf of the Legislative Council and shall be reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with Rule 16. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council

Proposed Amendment to MAC Fifth Floor Security Policy

2. Access

2.01 In General. Access to the facility will be through the street entrance, and all individuals entering the facility will pass through the metal detectors, manned by a security guard before entering the building. Except as set forth in subsection 2.04, Access access to the facility via the elevators, including the freight elevator, and stairwells from other parts of the building will be restricted to key card access only.

2.02 Bureau of Legislative Research Employees: Key Card Access.

(a) BLR Employees shall have key card access to the facility via the elevators, including the freight elevator, and the stairwells.

(b) BLR employees entering the facility who have a concealed carry endorsement under Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g) and are carrying a handgun shall either provide the BLR with a copy of their concealed carry endorsement for the BLR to provide to the Arkansas State Capitol Police and the on-site security guards, or shall pass through the metal detector upon each entrance to the facility, and submit to screening and inspection under Section 4 of this policy.

(c) An individual with key card access to the facility shall not provide his or her key card for the use of any other individuals, and shall not allow other individuals to accompany him or her in accessing the facility without passing through the screening and inspection process at the metal detector.

2.03 Members of the General Assembly: Access to the Facility.

Members of the General Assembly entering the facility who have a concealed carry endorsement under Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g) and are carrying a handgun shall either provide the BLR with a copy of their concealed carry endorsement issued by the Arkansas State Police for the BLR to provide to the Arkansas State Capitol Police and the on-site security guards, or shall pass through a metal detector upon each entrance to the facility and submit to screening and inspection under Section 4 of this policy.

2.04 Guests of Members of the General Assembly: Access to the Facility Elevators.

(a) A visitor or guest of a member of the General Assembly, not otherwise granted key card access to the facility, wishing to access the Fifth Floor of the MAC Building by the main elevator bank following a meeting with a member of the General Assembly in his or her office located on another floor of the MAC Building shall:

(1) Enter the facility through the metal detectors and security guard entrance on the Fifth Floor of the MAC Building;

(2) Proceed to the BLR main receptionist desk, where he or she will be issued a BLR visitor's badge;

(3) Sign in on the visitors' log indicating the:

(A) Date;

(B) Time in (upon entering the facility) and the time out (upon leaving the facility);

(C) Name of the member that he or she is there to meet; and

(D) Number on the BLR visitor's badge he or she is provided; and

(4)(A) Forfeit his or her photo identification for the duration of the visit.

(B) The photo identification will be returned to the individual at the time that he or she returns the BLR visitor's badge to the main receptionist desk and signs out.

(b) An individual who meets the requirements of subdivision 2.04(b) will be allowed to access the BLR Office space through the main elevator bank when returning from his or her meeting with a member of the General Assembly whose office is located on another floor of the MAC Building.

(c) Individuals who have not entered the facility through the metal detectors and security guard located at the Fifth Floor entrance will not be issued a BLR visitor's badge and will not be granted access to the facility from another floor of the MAC Building.

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~~Executive Agency Personnel: Key Card Access.~~

~~(a) A director of an executive agency with offices in the MAC Building may request key card access to the facility.~~

~~(b) In order to ensure the continued integrity of the security measures in place for the facility, the following procedures will apply:~~

~~(1) An executive agency director accessing the facility via the elevators or stairwells will be required to:~~

~~(A) Show his or her identification to the receptionist at the front desk or to the security officer; and~~

~~(B) Sign the visitors log located at the BLR receptionist desk indicating date, time, and purpose of the visit. (The agency director will not be required to sign out.)~~

~~(C)(i) An agency director entering the facility via key card access who has a concealed carry endorsement under Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g) and is carrying a handgun shall provide the BLR with a copy of his or her concealed carry endorsement issued by the Arkansas State Police for the BLR to provide to the Arkansas State Capitol Police and the on-site security guards.~~

~~(ii) An agency director who does not wish to provide a copy of his or her concealed carry endorsement shall not be granted key card access and shall pass through the metal detector at the main entrance and present the proper documentation of the endorsement to a security guard at each instance of entering the facility.~~

~~(2) Agency personnel authorized to access the facility via the elevators and stairwells, will still be required to comply with all security procedures, including inspection and metal detector screening when accessing the facility by the exterior entrance.~~

~~(c) Agency personnel not authorized to access the facility via the elevators and stairwells will be required to enter and exit the facility via the exterior door and metal detector.~~

~~(d) An individual with key card access to the facility shall not provide his or her key card for the use of any other individuals, and shall not allow other individuals to accompany him or her in accessing the facility without passing through the screening and inspection process at the metal detector.~~