



Department of Transformation and Shared Services

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October 2, 2023

Rebecca Miller-Rice, Administrator
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Via: Electronic Mail

RE: Regular Session of 94th General Assembly Administrative Rules Monthly Report

Dear Mrs. Miller-Rice,

The Department of Transformation and Shared Services (TSS) has reviewed all Acts from the Regular Session of the 94th General Assembly and is in the process of promulgating two new rules. In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-216(b)(5)(A)(ii), TSS provides the following update:

(1) Rules for Employee Benefits Division (EBD), Act 533 of 2023

- a. This rule is being drafted.
- b. Once TSS receives Governor's approval, we will continue the promulgation process through the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- c. TSS anticipates the rules will be filed for adoption on or before January 1, 2024, but is dependent upon public comment and legislative review.

(2) Rules for the Office of State Procurement (OSP), Act 556 of 2023

- a. This rule has been drafted.
- b. Once TSS receives Governor's approval, we will continue the promulgation process through the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.
- c. TSS anticipates the rules will be filed for adoption on or before January 1, 2024, but is dependent upon public comment and legislative review.

TSS reviewed Act 634 of 2023 and determined that rules are not required nor necessary to carry out this Act. TSS is implementing a policy to carry out the Act's requirements.

Accordingly, TSS respectfully requests to remove Act 634 of 2023 from the report moving forward. If you have any questions, you may contact me at (501) 682-5350 or

Jennifer.Elkins@arkansas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Elkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "E".

Jennifer Elkins, TSS Legal Counsel

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