

**REVISED AGENDA**  
**Administrative Rules Subcommittee**  
**of the**  
**Arkansas Legislative Council**

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**Thursday, October 16, 2025**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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Sen. Tyler Dees, Co-Chair  
Sen. Kim Hammer, Vice-Chair  
Sen. Missy Irvin  
Sen. Jonathan Dismang  
Sen. Bart Hester  
Sen. Terry Rice  
Sen. Blake Johnson  
Sen. Breanne Davis  
Sen. Ben Gilmore, ex officio  
Sen. Justin Boyd, ex officio

Rep. Matthew J. Shepherd, Co-Chair  
Rep. Lane Jean, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks  
Rep. Mary Bentley  
Rep. DeAnn Vaught  
Rep. Steve Hollowell  
Rep. Brian S. Evans  
Rep. Stetson Painter  
Rep. Les D. Eaves, ex officio  
Rep. Jack Ladyman, ex officio

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**A. Call to Order**

**B. Rules Filed Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309**

- 1. Arkansas Judicial Retirement System (Amy Fecher, Laura Gilson)**
  - a. Arkansas Judicial Retirement System, 24 CAR pt. 15 (REPEAL of 24 CAR § 15-104) (p.1)
- 2. Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System (Amy Fecher, Laura Gilson)**
  - a. Benefits, 24 CAR § 1-201 et seq. (p.1)
- 3. Auditor of State (T.J. Fowler, Josh Wood)**
  - a. Arkansas Unclaimed Property Administrative Rules, 18 CAR pt. 21 (p.2)
- 4. Department of Commerce, State Insurance Department (Tasha Tidwell)**
  - a. Funeral Expense Insurance, 23 CAR pt. 91 (p.8)
- 5. Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations (Mary Franklin)**
  - a. Community Services Block Grant Rule, 20 CAR pt. 505 (p.9)
- ~~**6. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services**~~
  - ~~a. Urgent Care Clinics (20 CAR pt. 600)~~
- 7. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services and Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance (Melissa Weatherton, Martina Smith, Paula Stone)**
  - a. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services for Under Age 21 (20 CAR pts. 417, 627, 651) (p.11)

**Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at [www.arkleg.state.ar.us](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us).**

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8. **Southwest Central Regional Solid Waste Management District (Courtney Decker)**
    - a. General Rules, 8 CAR pt. 332 (p.14)
  9. **State Board of Election Commissioners (Richard Chris Madison)**
    - a. Rules for the Verification of Voter Registration, 7 CAR pt. 90 (p.17)
    - b. Rules of Procedure for Citizen Complaints Regarding Violations of State Election and Voter Registration Laws, 7 CAR pt. 60 (p.19)
    - c. Voter Intent and Ballot Remake, 7 CAR pt. 92 (p.19)
- C. Agency Requests to Be Excluded from Reporting Requirements of Act 595 of 2021**
1. **Department of Commerce, State Insurance Department (Crystal Phelps)**
    - a. Act 348 of 2025
    - b. Act 390 of 2025
    - c. Act 424 of 2025
    - d. Act 512 of 2025
    - e. Acts 560 and 779 of 2025
    - f. Act 628 of 2025
    - g. Act 772 of 2025
    - h. Act 860 of 2025
  2. **Department of Health, State Board of Health (Laura Shue)**
    - a. Act 1021 of 2025
- D. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2023 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021**
1. **Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (Brian Black, Jennifer Emerson)**

*Rules Outstanding as of October 1, 2025, as Reported and Updated by the Agency*

    - **Consolidated Incentive Act Rules (Act 834 of 2023)**
      - The Arkansas Economic Development Commission has determined that rules under the Consolidated Incentive Act are not necessary to accomplish the goals of Act 834 of 2023 and is currently working to repeal the existing Consolidated Incentive Act rules. Under Ark. Code Ann. § 15-4-2710, rules are allowed but not required under the Act. The existing rules are unclear and largely restate the statute, serving as a potential barrier to businesses looking to utilize the Act's incentives. AEDC is currently in the process of drafting the repeal documents and should be in the public comment phase soon.

## 2. Department of Corrections (Tawnie Hughes)

*Rules Outstanding as of October 1, 2025, as Reported and Updated by the Agency Secretary of Corrections*

- **Visitation (Act 659, § 112 of 2023)**
  - This rule will be promulgated by the Secretary of Corrections, who has preliminarily approved it. There was a stakeholder request for a definition change. The updated rule is being reviewed.

*Post-Prison Transfer Board*

- **Transfer to Post-Release Supervision (Act 659, § 2 of 2023)**
  - This rule is being promulgated by the Post-Prison Transfer Board and has been submitted for review by the executive.

## 3. Department of Education (Courtney Salas-Ford)

*Rules Outstanding as of October 1, 2025, as Reported and Updated by the Agency Arkansas State Library*

- **Rules Governing the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries (Act 566, § 11 of 2023)**
  - Rulemaking regarding Act 566 of 2023 was temporarily suspended due to the passage of Act 903 of 2025. Rulemaking will resume now that a new slate of library board members has been appointed.

*Division of Career and Technical Education*

- **Rules Governing the Approval of Computer Science-Related Career and Technical Education Courses (Act 654, § 4 of 2023)**
  - This rule has been redrafted in compliance with the Code of Arkansas Rules. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.
- **Rules Governing the Vocational Start-Up Grant Program (Act 867, § 7 of 2023)**
  - This rule is being redrafted in compliance with the Code of Arkansas Rules. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.

*Division of Elementary and Secondary Education*

- **Rules Governing School District Waivers (Act 347, § 1 of 2023)**
  - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 304 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.
- **Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654, §§ 2, 4 of 2023)**
  - This rule was approved by the State Board of Education to be released

for public comment; however, the agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 341 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.

*State Board of Education*

- **Rules Governing the Course Choice Program (Act 237, § 20 of 2023)**
  - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 730 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.
- **Rules Governing Public Charter Schools (Act 237, § 49 of 2023)**
  - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 800 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.

*Division of Higher Education*

- **Rules Governing Universal Academic Credit (Act 237, § 54 of 2023)**
  - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 341 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in December.

**E. Agency Monthly Written Updates Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021 Concerning Rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session**

**F. Adjournment**