

**REPORT OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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**November 15, 2024**

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**Co-Chairs:**

**The Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in Room A, MAC.**

- A. The Subcommittee received and filed the Quarterly Reports on Administrative Directives pursuant to Act 1258 of 2015, for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, submitted by the following agencies:**
- 1. Department of Corrections**
  - 2. Post-Prison Transfer Board**
- B. The Subcommittee reviewed and approved the following rules filed pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-3-309:**
- 1. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**
    - a. Digital Product and Motion Picture Industry Development Act Rule**
  - 2. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT**
    - a. Rule 118: Pharmacy Benefits Managers Regulation**
  - 3. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DIVISION OF CORRECTION**
    - a. AR 1200 Work/Study Release Program**
  - 4. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**
    - a. Better Beginnings Tiered Quality Rating and Improvement System**
    - b. Rule Governing Career-Ready Pathways to Diploma**
    - c. Rules Governing Documents Posted to School District and Education Service Cooperative Websites**

- d. **Rules Governing the Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and Public School Districts**
  - e. **Rules Governing the Arkansas Better Chance Program**
  - f. **Rules Governing Consolidation and Annexation of School Districts**
- 5. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**
- a. **Rules Governing the Governor’s Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program**
  - b. **Rules Governing the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Board**
  - c. **Rule Governing Emergency Response Equipment and Training at Arkansas Institutions of Higher Education**
  - d. **Rules Governing the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship**
  - e. **Rule Governing the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board**
- 6. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**
- a. **Rule No. 1: Prevention of Pollution by Oil Field Waste**
- 7. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS BOARD**
- a. **State Code: Liquefied Petroleum Gas Containers and Equipment**
- 8. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, OIL AND GAS COMMISSION**
- a. **Rule B-2: Proof of Financial Responsibility Required to Be Furnished**
  - b. **Rule H-1: Class II Disposal and Class II Commercial Disposal Well Permit Application Procedures**
- 9. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, OFFICE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES**
- a. **Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Program & REPEAL: Method of Administering Pregnancy Help Grant Program**

**10. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ARKANSAS PSYCHOLOGY BOARD**

- a. Arkansas Psychology Board Rules**

**11. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

- a. Rules Pertaining to Rabies Control**

- b. REPEAL: Rules and Regulations for Retired Physician Immunity Act**

**12. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS**

- a. Compacts of Free Association (COFA) SNAP and TEA Eligibility**

**C. The following rule was reviewed and approved, with a change replacing the term “[p]rohibits” with “[d]iscourages” in Section II, Subsection 2(b)(ii)(1), as presented by the agency during the meeting:**

**1. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, REVENUE DIVISION**

- a. Taxicab Liability Insurance and Self-Insurance Certification for Certain Persons and Religious Denominations**

**D. Due to the lack of a second to a motion to suspend the Subcommittee’s rules, no action was taken by the Subcommittee on the following rules, which will now be placed on the Subcommittee’s December agenda:**

**1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

- a. Liquid Animal Waste Management Systems**

**2. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT, DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

- a. Rule No. 6: Rules for State Administration of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**

**Although no action was taken on the rules, public comment on both rules by those present was allowed by the Subcommittee’s chairs.**

**E. Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021, the Subcommittee received agency updates on outstanding rulemaking relating to legislation from the 2023 Regular Session.**

**F. The Subcommittee filed the November monthly written update by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission, pursuant to Act 595, concerning rulemaking from the 2024 Fiscal Session.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair**

**Representative Brian Evans, Co-Chair**