

REVISED AGENDA
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, August 14, 2025
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

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

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Report on the Acts of the 2025 Regular Session Specifically Requiring New Rulemaking**
- C. Report from the Executive Subcommittee Concerning an Emergency Rule**
- D. Reports on Administrative Directives Pursuant to Act 1258 of 2015, for Quarter Ending June 30, 2025 (Tawnie Rowell)**
 - 1. Department of Corrections**
 - 2. Post-Prison Transfer Board**
- E. Rules Filed Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309**
 - 1. Arkansas Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission, State Aid Street Committee (Steve Morgan, Steve Napper)**
 - a. Rules of Procedure for the State Aid Street Committee, 27 CAR pt. 160 (p.1)
 - 2. Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (Jake Windley, Becca Caldwell, Clint O'Neal, Jennifer Emerson)**
 - a. Community Assistance Grant Program, 15 CAR pt. 181 (p.2)
 - 3. Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (Courtney Salas-Ford)**
 - a. First Connections Program Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), 20 CAR pt. 1002 (p.3)
 - b. Rules Governing the Public School Rating System on Annual School Performance Reports and the School Recognition Program, 6 CAR pt. 64 (p.4)
 - c. Rules Governing Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention, 6 CAR pt. 107 (p.9)
 - 4. Department of the Military, Arkansas National Guard (Bryan Christian)**
 - a. Arkansas National Guard Tuition Waiver Program, 6 CAR pt. 530 (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.

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F. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2023 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021¹

1. Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (Jake Windley)

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

- **Consolidated Incentive Act Rules (Act 834 of 2023)**
 - The Arkansas Economic Development Commission is reviewing whether changes are necessary to the Consolidated Incentive Act rule based on Act 834 of 2023 and two incentives adopted during the 2025 General Session, specifically the Corporate Headquarters Relocation Incentive (Act 881) and the Modernization and Automation Incentive (Act 882). Since the Consolidated Incentive Act’s rulemaking authority is permissive, AEDC is currently reviewing whether the existing rules should be amended or repealed in their entirety. Due to the fact that these internal discussions are ongoing, no anticipated date for the rule being on the subcommittee’s agenda can be provided.

2. Department of Corrections (Tawnie Rowell)

Rules Outstanding as of August 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 approved it. We have incorporated an amended definition and intend to present it for review at the August 2025 board of corrections meeting for approval.

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, a draft has been circulated to stakeholders and staff is working to incorporate changes from the 2025 legislative session. We anticipate it being reviewed by the Post-Prison Transfer Board in September 2025.

3. Department of Education (Courtney Salas-Ford)

Rules Outstanding as of August 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 is temporarily suspended due to the passage of Act 903 of 2025. The agency anticipates rulemaking to occur following the appointment of a new slate of library board members.

Division of Career and Technical Education

- **Rules Governing the Approval of Computer Science-Related Career and Technical Education Course (Act 654, § 4 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 for ALC review in November.
- **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 for ALC review in November.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

- ***Rules Governing the Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Program (Act 237, § 16 of 2023)**
 - This rule has been approved by the State Board of Education on June 12, 2025, and has been submitted for ALC review in August.
- **Rules Governing School District Waivers (Act 347, § 1 of 2023)**

¹ Outstanding rules that are on the current agenda for legislative review and approval are designated by an asterisk (*).

- 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. With a final rule anticipated in November.
- **Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654, §§ 2, 4 of 2023)**
 - This rule has been released by the State Board of Education to be released for a 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 with a final rule anticipated in November.

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 with a final rule anticipated in November.
- **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 with a final rule anticipated in November.

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 with a final rule anticipated in November.

G. Adjournment