

REVISED AGENDA
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, September 25, 2025
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

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

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

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Report from the Executive Subcommittee Concerning Emergency Rules**
- C. Rules Filed Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309**
 - 1. Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (Courtney Salas-Ford)**
 - a. Rules Governing Public School Choice, 6 CAR pt. 30 (p.1)
 - b. Rules Governing Maternity Leave Cost Sharing, 6 CAR pt. 193 (p.7)
 - c. Rules Governing Student Discipline and School Safety, 6 CAR pt. 234 (p.9)
 - 2. Department of Health, Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy (John Kirtley, Matt Gilmore)**
 - a. Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy Rules, 17 CAR pt. 160 (p.12)
- D. Agency Request to Be Excluded from Reporting Requirements of Act 595 of 2021**
 - 1. Department of Energy and Environment, Oil and Gas Commission (Act 149 of 2025, § 1) (Kesia Morrison, Lauren Ballard)**
- E. 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 (Jake Windley)**

Rules Outstanding as of September 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 based on Act 834 of

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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Act's rulemaking authority is permissive, AEDC is currently reviewing whether the existing rules should be amended or repealed in their entirety.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 Hughes)

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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)

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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 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 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. 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.

F. Adjournment