

**REPORTS OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**December 20, 2024**

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Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Senator Ben Gilmore, Vice Co-Chair	Representative Bruce Cozart, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Missy Irvin	Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Senator Bart Hester	Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

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**December 19, 2024 Meeting**

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, December 19, 2024, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Terry Rice called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present. Senator Ben Gilmore was recognized to give the afternoon prayer.

Co-Chair Rice referred members to the Final Recommendations of the Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study report. **With no questions from members, the Subcommittee adopted and referred to the Arkansas Legislative Council the Final Recommendations of the Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study report.** A copy of the final report and recommendations is attached to this report. *(Attachment 1)*

Co-Chair Rice then recognized Representative Jim Wooten and Ms. Jill Thayer, Chief Legal Counsel, Bureau of Legislative Research, to present on the proposed amendment to ALC Rules for the ALC-Hospital and Medicaid Study Subcommittee. **With no questions from members, the Subcommittee adopted the proposed amendment.** *(Attachment 2)*

Co-Chair Rice moved on to recognize Mr. Kyle Hales, Principal & Consulting Actuary, Perr & Knight, for discussion of the draft requests for proposals. **After questions from members, the Subcommittee adopted a motion to accept the draft requests for proposals from Perr & Knight.** *(Attachments 3&4)*

*\*Senator Rice bid his farewell as Co-Chair of the Arkansas Legislative Council and the ALC Executive Subcommittee, stating he's appreciative to staff and all others.*

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair

**Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study**  
*ALC-Executive Subcommittee*

**Final Report to the Legislative Council**

December 20, 2024

Under the procedures adopted by the Legislative Council (Attachment A to the ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee Report), the Executive Subcommittee shall review and consider the findings and recommendations of the report of the ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee and make a final recommendation to the Legislative Council no later than the December 2024 meeting of the Legislative Council.

The ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee chairs presented the final report and draft legislation adopted by their subcommittee to the Executive Subcommittee at the October 17, 2024, meeting of the Executive Subcommittee, and those recommendations were discussed and adopted. At the December 19, 2024 meeting of the Executive Subcommittee, the Executive Subcommittee adopted the following additions to the draft legislation:

- Added Section 21 to JLC174, amending Arkansas Code § 11-5-117, allowing an employee of a private employer to store his or her handgun in his or her vehicle in the parking lot of the private employer; and
- Included JLC152, to prohibit local government from regulating knives or knife-making components.

The Executive Subcommittee recommends adoption by the Legislative Council of all recommendations of both Subcommittees, which are included herein and attached to this report.

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Terry Rice and Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Second Extraordinary Session, 2023  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/JLC  
HOUSE BILL

5 By: Representative Joey Carr  
6 By: Senator Gilmore  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF  
10 KNIVES OR KNIFE-MAKING COMPONENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION  
15 OF KNIVES OR KNIFE-MAKING COMPONENTS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-16-504(b)(1)(A), concerning the  
22 regulation of firearms and ammunition by local government, is amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 (b)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in state or federal law, A a  
25 local unit of government shall not enact ~~any~~ an ordinance or regulation  
26 pertaining to, or regulate in any other manner, the ownership, transfer,  
27 transportation, carrying, or possession of:

28 (i) ~~firearms,~~ Firearms;

29 (ii) ~~ammunition~~ Ammunition for firearms;  
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31 (iii) ~~or components~~ Components of firearms;  
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33 (iv) Knives; or

34 (v) Knife-making components ~~except as otherwise~~  
35 ~~provided in state or federal law.~~  
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-54-1411(b)(1)(A), concerning the  
regulation of firearms and ammunition by local government, is amended to read

1 as follows:

2 (b)(1)(A) Except as otherwise provided in state or federal law, A a  
3 local unit of government shall not enact ~~any~~ an ordinance or regulation  
4 pertaining to, or regulate in any other manner, the ownership, transfer,  
5 transportation, carrying, or possession of:

- 6 (i) ~~firearms,~~ Firearms;
- 7 (ii) ~~ammunition~~ Ammunition for firearms;~~;~~
- 8 (iii) ~~or components~~ Components of firearms;~~;~~
- 9 (iv) Knives; or
- 10 (v) Knife-making components ~~except as otherwise~~  
11 ~~provided in state or federal law.~~

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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
HOUSE BILL

5 By: Representative Wardlaw  
6 By: Senator Hill  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FIREARMS; TO AMEND  
10 THE LAW CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A FIREARM WITHOUT A  
11 LICENSE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A  
12 FIREARM WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

17 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FIREARMS; TO  
18 AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A  
19 FIREARM WITHOUT A LICENSE; AND TO AMEND  
20 THE LAW CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A  
21 FIREARM WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY A  
22 CONCEALED HANDGUN.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Purpose and legislative intent.  
28 The General Assembly finds that:

29 (1) The current Arkansas laws regarding ownership, use,  
30 licensure, and possession of firearms have created confusion as to when,  
31 where, and in what manner firearms may be legally carried in the State of  
32 Arkansas;

33 (2) It is important to review the laws pertaining to concealed  
34 carry, open carry, and constitutional carry of firearms and to reorganize the  
35 laws to provide the citizens of the State of Arkansas with clear guidance on  
36 these matters;

1           (3) The language in this act serves to simplify and clarify  
2 current language in the law;

3           (4) The changes in this act are not intended to provide any  
4 additional restrictions on the existing concealed carry, open carry, and  
5 constitutional carry laws, including the laws regarding handguns and carrying  
6 a weapon on a journey; and

7           (5) If any part of this act is challenged in court, it is the  
8 intent of the General Assembly that this act is interpreted broadly to ensure  
9 an Arkansan's right to bear arms under the Second Amendment of the United  
10 States Constitution and Arkansas Constitution, Article 2, § 5.

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12           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-101(10), concerning the definition of  
13 "journey", is amended to read as follows:

14           (10) "Journey" means a person has left his or her home or the  
15 curtilage of his or her home ~~either on foot, horseback, bicycle, or in an~~  
16 ~~automobile~~ for any purpose or duration;

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18           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119 is repealed.

19           ~~5-73-119. Handguns—Possession by minor or possession on school~~  
20 ~~property.~~

21           ~~(a)(1) No person in this state under eighteen (18) years of age shall~~  
22 ~~possess a handgun.~~

23           ~~(2)(A) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) of this section is a~~  
24 ~~Class A misdemeanor.~~

25           ~~(B) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) of this section is a~~  
26 ~~Class D felony if the person has previously:~~

27                   ~~(i) Been adjudicated delinquent for a violation of~~  
28 ~~subdivision (a)(1) of this section;~~

29                   ~~(ii) Been adjudicated delinquent for any offense that~~  
30 ~~would be a felony if committed by an adult; or~~

31                   ~~(iii) Plead guilty or nolo contendere to or been~~  
32 ~~found guilty of a felony in circuit court while under eighteen (18) years of~~  
33 ~~age.~~

34           ~~(b)(1) No person in this state shall possess a firearm:~~

35                   ~~(A) Upon the developed property of a public or private~~  
36 ~~school, kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12);~~

1                   ~~(B) In or upon any school bus; or~~

2                   ~~(C) At a designated bus stop as identified on the route~~  
3 ~~list published by a school district each year.~~

4                   ~~(2)(A) A violation of subdivision (b)(1) of this section is a~~  
5 ~~Class D felony.~~

6                   ~~(B) No sentence imposed for a violation of subdivision~~  
7 ~~(b)(1) of this section shall be suspended or probated or treated as a first~~  
8 ~~offense under § 16-93-301 et seq.~~

9                   ~~(c)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, a person in this state shall~~  
10 ~~not possess a handgun upon the property of any private institution of higher~~  
11 ~~education or a publicly supported institution of higher education in this~~  
12 ~~state on or about his or her person, in a vehicle occupied by him or her, or~~  
13 ~~otherwise readily available for use with a purpose to employ the handgun as a~~  
14 ~~weapon against a person.~~

15                   ~~(2) A violation of subdivision (c)(1) of this section is a Class~~  
16 ~~D felony.~~

17                   ~~(d) "Handgun" means a firearm capable of firing rimfire ammunition or~~  
18 ~~centerfire ammunition and designed or constructed to be fired with one (1)~~  
19 ~~hand.~~

20                   ~~(e) It is permissible to carry a handgun under this section if at the~~  
21 ~~time of the act of possessing a handgun or firearm:~~

22                   ~~(1) The person is in his or her own dwelling or place of~~  
23 ~~business or on property in which he or she has a possessory or proprietary~~  
24 ~~interest, except upon the property of a public or private institution of~~  
25 ~~higher learning;~~

26                   ~~(2) The person is a law enforcement officer, correctional~~  
27 ~~officer, member of a municipal fire department bomb squad who is authorized~~  
28 ~~to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-204, or member of the armed forces~~  
29 ~~acting in the course and scope of his or her official duties;~~

30                   ~~(3) The person is assisting a law enforcement officer,~~  
31 ~~correctional officer, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and~~  
32 ~~scope of his or her official duties pursuant to the direction or request of~~  
33 ~~the law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or member of the armed~~  
34 ~~forces;~~

35                   ~~(4) The person is a registered commissioned security guard~~  
36 ~~acting in the course and scope of his or her duties;~~



1           ~~(5) The person is hunting game with a handgun or firearm that~~  
 2 ~~may be hunted with a handgun or firearm under the rules and regulations of~~  
 3 ~~the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or is en route to or from a~~  
 4 ~~hunting area for the purpose of hunting game with a handgun or firearm;~~

5           ~~(6)(A) The person is a certified law enforcement officer, either~~  
 6 ~~on duty or off duty.~~

7           ~~(B) If the person is an off duty law enforcement officer,~~  
 8 ~~he or she may be required by a public school or publicly supported~~  
 9 ~~institution of higher education to be in physical possession of a valid~~  
 10 ~~identification identifying the person as a law enforcement officer;~~

11           ~~(7) The person is on a journey, unless the person is eighteen~~  
 12 ~~(18) years of age or less;~~

13           ~~(8) The person is participating in a certified hunting safety~~  
 14 ~~course sponsored by the commission or a firearm safety course recognized and~~  
 15 ~~approved by the commission or by a state or national nonprofit organization~~  
 16 ~~qualified and experienced in firearm safety;~~

17           ~~(9) The person is participating in a school-approved educational~~  
 18 ~~course or sporting activity involving the use of firearms;~~

19           ~~(10) The person is a minor engaged in lawful marksmanship~~  
 20 ~~competition or practice or other lawful recreational shooting under the~~  
 21 ~~supervision of his or her parent, legal guardian, or other person twenty-one~~  
 22 ~~(21) years of age or older standing in loco parentis or is traveling to or~~  
 23 ~~from a lawful marksmanship competition or practice or other lawful~~  
 24 ~~recreational shooting with an unloaded handgun or firearm accompanied by his~~  
 25 ~~or her parent, legal guardian, or other person twenty-one (21) years of age~~  
 26 ~~or older standing in loco parentis;~~

27           ~~(11) The person has a license to carry a concealed handgun under~~  
 28 ~~§ 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun on the developed~~  
 29 ~~property of:~~

30           ~~(A) A kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private~~  
 31 ~~school operated by a church or other place of worship that:~~

32           ~~(i) Is located on the developed property of the~~  
 33 ~~kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school;~~

34           ~~(ii) Allows the person to carry a concealed handgun~~  
 35 ~~into the church or other place of worship under § 5-73-306; and~~

36           ~~(iii) Allows the person to possess a concealed~~

1 handgun on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve  
 2 (K-12) private school; or

3 (B) A kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private  
 4 school or a prekindergarten private school that through its governing board  
 5 or director has set forth the rules and circumstances under which the  
 6 licensee may carry a concealed handgun into a building or event of the  
 7 kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school or the  
 8 prekindergarten private school; or

9 (12)(A) The person has a license to carry a concealed handgun  
 10 under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her  
 11 motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and  
 12 unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

13 (B)(i) As used in this subdivision (c)(12), "parking lot" means  
 14 a designated area or structure or part of a structure intended for the  
 15 parking of motor vehicles or a designated drop-off zone for children at a  
 16 school.

17 (ii) "Parking lot" does not include a parking lot owned,  
 18 maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Division of Correction or Division  
 19 of Community Correction.

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 21 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120 is repealed.

22 ~~5-73-120. Carrying a weapon.~~

23 (a) A person commits the offense of carrying a weapon if he or she  
 24 possesses a handgun, knife, or club on or about his or her person, in a  
 25 vehicle occupied by him or her, or otherwise readily available for use with a  
 26 purpose to attempt to unlawfully employ the handgun, knife, or club as a  
 27 weapon against a person.

28 (b) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Club" means any instrument that is specially designed,  
 30 made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or  
 31 death by striking, including a blackjack, billie, and sap;

32 (2) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel length of less  
 33 than twelve inches (12") that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with  
 34 one (1) hand; and

35 (3) "Knife" means any bladed hand instrument three inches (3") or  
 36 longer that is capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death by

1 ~~cutting or stabbing, including a dirk, a sword or spear in a cane, a razor,~~  
2 ~~an ice pick, a throwing star, a switchblade, and a butterfly knife.~~

3 ~~(c) A person is presumed to be carrying a weapon with a lawful purpose~~  
4 ~~under this section if at the time of the act of carrying the weapon:~~

5 ~~(1) The person is in his or her own dwelling, in his or her~~  
6 ~~personal vehicle, in his or her place of business, or on property in which he~~  
7 ~~or she has a possessory or proprietary interest;~~

8 ~~(2) The person is a law enforcement officer, correctional~~  
9 ~~officer, member of a municipal fire department bomb squad who is authorized~~  
10 ~~to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-204, or member of the armed~~  
11 ~~forces, acting in the course and scope of his or her official duties;~~

12 ~~(3) The person is assisting a law enforcement officer,~~  
13 ~~correctional officer, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and~~  
14 ~~scope of his or her official duties pursuant to the direction or request of~~  
15 ~~the law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or member of the armed~~  
16 ~~forces;~~

17 ~~(4) The person is carrying a weapon when upon a journey, unless~~  
18 ~~the journey is through a commercial airport when presenting at the security~~  
19 ~~checkpoint in the airport or is in the person's checked baggage and is not a~~  
20 ~~lawfully declared weapon;~~

21 ~~(5) The person is a registered commissioned security guard~~  
22 ~~acting in the course and scope of his or her duties;~~

23 ~~(6) The person is hunting game with a handgun that may be hunted~~  
24 ~~with a handgun under rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Game and~~  
25 ~~Fish Commission or is en route to or from a hunting area for the purpose of~~  
26 ~~hunting game with a handgun;~~

27 ~~(7)(A) The person is a certified law enforcement officer, either~~  
28 ~~on duty or off duty.~~

29 ~~(B) If the person is an off-duty law enforcement officer,~~  
30 ~~he or she may be required by a public school or publicly supported~~  
31 ~~institution of higher education to be in physical possession of a valid~~  
32 ~~identification identifying the person as a law enforcement officer;~~

33 ~~(8) The person is in possession of a concealed handgun and has a~~  
34 ~~valid license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq., or~~  
35 ~~recognized under § 5-73-321 and is not in a prohibited place as defined by §~~  
36 ~~5-73-306;~~

1           ~~(9) The person is a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting~~  
 2 ~~attorney carrying a firearm under § 16-21-147;~~

3           ~~(10) The person is in possession of a handgun and is a retired~~  
 4 ~~law enforcement officer with a valid concealed carry authorization issued~~  
 5 ~~under federal or state law;~~

6           ~~(11) The person is in possession of a concealed handgun and is a~~  
 7 ~~current or former district court judge, circuit court judge, Court of Appeals~~  
 8 ~~judge, or Supreme Court justice, with a valid license to carry a concealed~~  
 9 ~~handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq.; or~~

10           ~~(12) The person:~~

11                   ~~(A) Is an employee of the Department of Corrections;~~

12                   ~~(B) Is in his or her personal vehicle in a parking lot~~  
 13 ~~owned or operated by the department;~~

14                   ~~(C) Has stored the weapon in a locked storage container~~  
 15 ~~that is attached to his or her personal vehicle; and~~

16                   ~~(D) Has declared in writing to the department his or her~~  
 17 ~~intent to carry a weapon and received approval to carry a weapon under this~~  
 18 ~~subdivision (c)(12) in writing from the Secretary of the Department of~~  
 19 ~~Corrections or his or her designee.~~

20           ~~(d) Carrying a weapon is a Class A misdemeanor.~~

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 22           SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122 is repealed.

23           ~~5-73-122. Carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities.~~

24           ~~(a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, § 5-73-306(5), § 16-21-147,~~  
 25 ~~and this section, it is unlawful for a person other than a law enforcement~~  
 26 ~~officer, either on duty or off duty, a security guard in the employ of the~~  
 27 ~~state or an agency of the state or any city or county, a member of a~~  
 28 ~~municipal fire department bomb squad who is authorized to carry a concealed~~  
 29 ~~handgun under § 12-15-204, or any state or federal military personnel, to~~  
 30 ~~knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any~~  
 31 ~~publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.~~

32           ~~(2) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement~~  
 33 ~~officer, either on duty or off duty, a security guard in the employ of the~~  
 34 ~~state or an agency of the state or any city or county, a member of a~~  
 35 ~~municipal fire department bomb squad who is authorized to carry a concealed~~  
 36 ~~handgun under § 12-15-204, or any state or federal military personnel, to~~

1 knowingly carry or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in the  
2 State Capitol Building or the Arkansas Justice Building in Little Rock.

3 (3) However, this subsection does not apply to a person carrying  
4 or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in a publicly owned building  
5 or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.

6 (A) For the purpose of participating in a shooting match  
7 or target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the  
8 publicly owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds.

9 (B) If necessary to participate in a trade show, exhibit,  
10 or educational course conducted in the publicly owned building or facility or  
11 on the State Capitol grounds.

12 (C)(i) If the person has a license to carry a concealed  
13 handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his  
14 or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked  
15 and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

16 (ii)(a) As used in this subdivision (a)(3)(C),  
17 "parking lot" means a designated area or structure or part of a structure  
18 intended for the parking of motor vehicles or a designated drop-off zone for  
19 children at school.

20 (b) "Parking lot" does not include a parking  
21 lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by:

22 (1) The Division of Correction;

23 (2) The Division of Community  
24 Correction; or

25 (3) A residential treatment facility  
26 owned or operated by the Division of Youth Services;

27 (D) If the person has completed the required training and  
28 received a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-73-322(g) and the place is  
29 not:

30 (i) A courtroom or the location of an administrative  
31 hearing conducted by a state agency, except as permitted by § 5-73-306(5) or  
32 § 5-73-306(6);

33 (ii) A public school kindergarten through grade  
34 twelve (K-12), a public prekindergarten, or a public daycare facility, except  
35 as permitted under subdivision (a)(3)(C) of this section;

36 (iii) A facility operated by the Division of

1 ~~Correction or the Division of Community Correction; or~~

2 ~~(iv) A posted firearm sensitive area, as approved by~~  
 3 ~~the Division of Arkansas State Police under § 5-73-325, located at:~~

4 ~~(a) The Arkansas State Hospital;~~

5 ~~(b) The University of Arkansas for Medical~~  
 6 ~~Sciences; or~~

7 ~~(c) A collegiate athletic event;~~

8 ~~(E) If the person has a license to carry a concealed~~  
 9 ~~handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq., is a justice of the Supreme Court or a~~  
 10 ~~judge on the Court of Appeals, and is carrying a concealed handgun in the~~  
 11 ~~Arkansas Justice Building; or~~

12 ~~(F) If the person has a license to carry a concealed~~  
 13 ~~handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in a~~  
 14 ~~municipally owned or maintained park, or another similar municipally owned or~~  
 15 ~~maintained recreational property, except for those portions of a municipally~~  
 16 ~~owned or maintained park or recreational property that contain a:~~

17 ~~(i) Football field, baseball field, soccer field, or~~  
 18 ~~other sports field where an athletic event or practice is occurring at the~~  
 19 ~~time;~~

20 ~~(ii) Municipally owned or maintained building; or~~

21 ~~(iii) Leased area to be used for a special event.~~

22 ~~(4) As used in this section, "facility" does not mean a~~  
 23 ~~municipally owned or maintained park, football field, baseball field, soccer~~  
 24 ~~field, or another similar municipally owned or maintained recreational~~  
 25 ~~structure or property.~~

26 ~~(b) However, a law enforcement officer, either on duty or off duty,~~  
 27 ~~officer of the court, bailiff, or other person authorized by the court is~~  
 28 ~~permitted to possess a handgun in the courtroom of any court or a courthouse~~  
 29 ~~of this state.~~

30 ~~(c) A person violating this section upon conviction is guilty of a~~  
 31 ~~Class C misdemeanor.~~

32 ~~(d) An off-duty law enforcement officer carrying a firearm in a~~  
 33 ~~publicly owned building or facility may be required to be in physical~~  
 34 ~~possession of a valid identification identifying the person as a law~~  
 35 ~~enforcement officer.~~

36 ~~(e) An off-duty law enforcement officer may not carry a firearm into a~~

~~courtroom if the off-duty law enforcement officer is a party to or a witness in a civil or criminal matter unless the law provides otherwise.~~

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

5-73-134. Carrying a weapon.

(a) A person commits the offense of carrying a weapon if he or she possesses a handgun, knife, or club on or about his or her person, in a vehicle occupied by him or her, or otherwise readily available for use with a purpose to unlawfully employ the handgun, knife, or club as a weapon against a person.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Club" means any instrument that is specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or death by striking, including without limitation a blackjack, billie, or sap;

(2) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel length of less than twelve inches (12") that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one (1) hand; and

(3) "Knife" means any bladed hand instrument three inches (3") or longer that is capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death by cutting or stabbing, including without limitation:

- (A) A dirk;
- (B) A sword or spear in a cane;
- (C) A razor;
- (D) An ice pick;
- (E) A throwing star;
- (F) A switchblade; or
- (G) A butterfly knife.

(c) A person is presumed to be carrying a weapon with a lawful purpose under this section if at the time of the act of carrying the weapon the person is:

- (1) In his or her own dwelling;
- (2) In his or her personal vehicle;
- (3) On a journey;
- (4) In his or her place of business; or
- (5) On property in which he or she has a possessory or

1 proprietary interest.

2 (d) Carrying a weapon is a Class A misdemeanor.

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4 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-73-304(c), concerning exemptions from the  
5 licensing requirements for carrying a concealed handgun for local detention  
6 facility employees, is amended to read as follows:

7 (c) The authorization prescribed in subsection (b) of this section  
8 shall be carried on the person of the employee of a local detention facility  
9 and be produced upon demand at the request of any law enforcement officer or  
10 owner or operator of any of the prohibited places as set out in ~~§ 5-73-306~~ §§  
11 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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13 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306 is repealed.

14 ~~5-73-306. Prohibited places.~~

15 ~~Except as permitted under § 5-73-322(g), a license to carry a concealed~~  
16 ~~handgun issued under this subchapter does not authorize a person to carry a~~  
17 ~~concealed handgun into:~~

18 ~~(1) Any police station, sheriff's station, or Division of~~  
19 ~~Arkansas State Police station;~~

20 ~~(2) An Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas~~  
21 ~~Department of Transportation facility;~~

22 ~~(3) [Repealed.]~~

23 ~~(4) Any part of a detention facility, prison, jail, or~~  
24 ~~residential treatment facility owned or operated by the Division of Youth~~  
25 ~~Services, including without limitation a parking lot owned, maintained, or~~  
26 ~~otherwise controlled by:~~

27 ~~(A) The Division of Correction;~~

28 ~~(B) The Division of Community Correction; or~~

29 ~~(C) A residential treatment facility owned or operated by~~  
30 ~~the Division of Youth Services;~~

31 ~~(5) Any courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned,~~  
32 ~~leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings or~~  
33 ~~housing a county office unless:~~

34 ~~(A) The licensee is:~~

35 ~~(i) Employed by the county;~~

36 ~~(ii) A countywide elected official;~~



1 ~~(iii) A justice of the peace; or~~

2 ~~(iv)(a) Employed by a governmental entity~~  
3 ~~other than the county with an office or place of employment inside the~~  
4 ~~courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or~~  
5 ~~regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a~~  
6 ~~county office.~~

7 ~~(b) A licensee is limited to carrying a~~  
8 ~~concealed handgun under subdivision (5)(A)(iv)(a) of this section into the~~  
9 ~~courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly~~  
10 ~~used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county~~  
11 ~~office where the office or place of employment of the governmental entity~~  
12 ~~that employs him or her is located;~~

13 ~~(B) The licensee’s principal place of employment is within~~  
14 ~~the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or~~  
15 ~~regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a~~  
16 ~~county office; and~~

17 ~~(C) The quorum court by ordinance approves a plan that~~  
18 ~~allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a concealed~~  
19 ~~handgun into the courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned,~~  
20 ~~leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings as set~~  
21 ~~out by the local security and emergency preparedness plan;~~

22 ~~(6)(A) Any courtroom.~~

23 ~~(B) However, nothing in this subchapter precludes a judge~~  
24 ~~from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed~~  
25 ~~weapon into his or her courtroom;~~

26 ~~(7) Any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental~~  
27 ~~entity;~~

28 ~~(8) Any meeting of the General Assembly or a committee of the~~  
29 ~~General Assembly;~~

30 ~~(9) Any state office;~~

31 ~~(10) Any athletic event not related to firearms;~~

32 ~~(11)(A) A portion of an establishment, except a restaurant~~  
33 ~~as defined in § 3-5-1202, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for~~  
34 ~~consumption on the premises.~~

35 ~~(B) A person with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-~~  
36 ~~73-322(g) and who is carrying a concealed handgun may not enter an~~

~~establishment under this section if the establishment either places a written notice as permitted under subdivision (18) of this section or provides notice under subdivision (19) of this section prohibiting a person with a license to possess a concealed handgun at the physical location;~~

~~(12)(A) A portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as defined in § 3-5-1202, where beer or light wine is consumed on the premises.~~

~~(B) A person with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-73-322(g) and who is carrying a concealed handgun may not enter an establishment under this section if the establishment either places a written notice as permitted under subdivision (18) of this section or provides notice under subdivision (19) of this section prohibiting a person with a license to possess a concealed handgun at the physical location;~~

~~(13)(A) A school, college, community college, or university campus building or event.~~

~~(B) However, subdivision (13)(A) of this section does not apply to:~~

~~(i) A kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school operated by a church or other place of worship that:~~

~~(a) Is located on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school;~~

~~(b) Allows the licensee to carry a concealed handgun into the church or other place of worship under this section; and~~

~~(c) Allows the licensee to possess a concealed handgun on the developed property of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school under § 5-73-119(e);~~

~~(ii) A kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school or a prekindergarten private school that through its governing board or director has set forth the rules and circumstances under which the licensee may carry a concealed handgun into a building or event of the kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) private school or the prekindergarten private school;~~

~~(iii) Participation in an authorized firearms-related activity;~~

~~(iv) Carrying a concealed handgun as authorized under § 5-73-322; or~~

1                   ~~(v) A publicly owned and maintained parking lot of a~~  
2 ~~college, community college, or university if the licensee is carrying a~~  
3 ~~concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed~~  
4 ~~handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle;~~

5                   ~~(14) Inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that no~~  
6 ~~person is prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the passenger~~  
7 ~~terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment for purposes of checking the~~  
8 ~~firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft;~~

9                   ~~(15)(A) Any church or other place of worship.~~

10                   ~~(B) However, this subchapter does not preclude a church or~~  
11 ~~other place of worship from determining who may carry a concealed handgun~~  
12 ~~into the church or other place of worship.~~

13                   ~~(C) A person with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-~~  
14 ~~73-322(g) and who is carrying a concealed handgun may not enter a church or~~  
15 ~~other place of worship under this section if the church or other place of~~  
16 ~~worship either places a written notice as permitted under subdivision (18) of~~  
17 ~~this section or provides notice under subdivision (19) of this section~~  
18 ~~prohibiting a person with a license to possess a concealed handgun at the~~  
19 ~~physical location;~~

20                   ~~(16) Any place where the carrying of a firearm is prohibited by~~  
21 ~~federal law;~~

22                   ~~(17) Any place where a parade or demonstration requiring a permit~~  
23 ~~is being held, and the licensee is a participant in the parade or~~  
24 ~~demonstration;~~

25                   ~~(18)(A)(i) Any place at the discretion of the person or~~  
26 ~~entity exercising control over the physical location of the place by placing~~  
27 ~~at each entrance to the place a written notice clearly readable at a distance~~  
28 ~~of not less than ten feet (10') that "carrying a handgun is prohibited".~~

29                   ~~(ii)(a) If the place does not have a roadway~~  
30 ~~entrance, there shall be a written notice placed anywhere upon the premises~~  
31 ~~of the place.~~

32                   ~~(b) In addition to the requirement of~~  
33 ~~subdivision (18)(A)(ii)(a) of this section, there shall be at least one (1)~~  
34 ~~written notice posted within every three (3) acres of a place with no roadway~~  
35 ~~entrance.~~

36                   ~~(iii) A written notice as described in subdivision~~

~~(18)(A)(i) of this section is not required for a private home.~~

~~(iv) Any licensee entering a private home shall notify the occupant that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun.~~

~~(B) Subdivision (18)(A) of this section does not apply if the place is:~~

~~(i) A public university, public college, or community college, as defined in § 5-73-322, and the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322;~~

~~(ii) A publicly owned and maintained parking lot if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle;~~

~~(iii) A parking lot of a private employer and the person is carrying a handgun as provided under § 11-5-117; or~~

~~(iv) A place owned, controlled, or operated by a local unit of government as defined in § 14-16-504 if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322(g) and (h), unless the place is listed in § 5-73-122(a)(3)(D)(i)-(iv) or the place is a part of a building licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.~~

~~(C) The person or entity exercising control over the physical location of a place that does not use his, her, or its authority under this subdivision (18) to prohibit a person from possessing a concealed handgun is immune from a claim for monetary damages arising from or related to the decision not to place at each entrance to the place a written notice under this subdivision (18);~~

~~(19)(A)(i) A place owned or operated by a private entity that prohibits the carrying of a concealed handgun that posts a written notice as described under subdivision (18)(A) of this section.~~

~~(ii)(a) A place owned or operated by a private entity that chooses not to post a written notice as described under subdivision (18)(A) of this section may provide written or verbal notification to a licensee who is carrying a concealed handgun at the place owned or operated by a private entity that carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited.~~

~~(b) A licensee who receives written or verbal~~

1 notification under subdivision (19)(A)(ii)(a) of this section is deemed to  
 2 have violated this subdivision (19) if the licensee while carrying a  
 3 concealed handgun either remains at or returns to the place owned or operated  
 4 by the private entity.

5 (B) A place owned or operated by a private entity under  
 6 this subdivision (19) includes without limitation:

7 (i) A private university or private college;

8 (ii) A church or other place of worship;

9 (iii) An establishment, except a restaurant as  
 10 defined in § 3-5-1202, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for  
 11 consumption on the premises; and

12 (iv) An establishment, except a restaurant as defined  
 13 in § 3-5-1202, where beer or light wine is consumed on the premises; or

14 (20) A posted firearm-sensitive area, as approved by the Division  
 15 of Arkansas State Police under § 5-73-325, located at:

16 (A) The Arkansas State Hospital;

17 (B) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; or

18 (C) A collegiate athletic event.

19  
 20 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 5-73-322 is amended to read as follows:

21 5-73-322. Concealed handguns in a university, college, or community  
 22 college building.

23 (a)(1) As used in this section, “public university, public college, or  
 24 community college” means an institution that:

25 (A) Regularly receives budgetary support from the state  
 26 government;

27 (B) Is part of the University of Arkansas or Arkansas State  
 28 University systems; or

29 (C) Is required to report to the Arkansas Higher Education  
 30 Coordinating Board.

31 (2) “Public university, public college, or community college”  
 32 includes without limitation a public technical institute.

33 (3) “Public university, public college, or community college”  
 34 does not include a private university or private college solely because:

35 (A) Students attending the private university or private  
 36 college receive state-supported scholarships; or

1 (B) The private university or private college voluntarily  
2 reports to the board.

3 (b) A licensee ~~who has completed the training required under subsection~~  
4 ~~(g) of this section~~ may possess a concealed handgun in the buildings and on  
5 the grounds of a public university, public college, or community college,  
6 whether owned or leased by the public university, public college, or  
7 community college, unless otherwise prohibited by this section or § ~~5-73-306~~  
8 5-73-601.

9 (c)(1) A licensee may possess a concealed handgun in the buildings and  
10 on the grounds of a private university or private college unless otherwise  
11 prohibited by this section or § ~~5-73-306~~ 5-73-601 if the private university  
12 or private college does not adopt a policy expressly disallowing the carrying  
13 of a concealed handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of the private  
14 university or private college.

15 (2)(A) A private university or private college that adopts a  
16 policy expressly disallowing the carrying of a concealed handgun in the  
17 buildings and on the grounds of the private university or private college  
18 shall post notices as described in § ~~5-73-306(18)~~ 5-73-601.

19 (B) A private university or private college that adopts a  
20 policy only allowing carrying of a concealed handgun under this section shall  
21 post notices as described in § ~~5-73-306(18)~~ 5-73-601 and subdivision  
22 (c)(2)(C) of this section.

23 (C) If a private university or private college permits  
24 carrying a concealed handgun under this section, the private university or  
25 private college may revise any sign or notice required to be posted under §  
26 ~~5-73-306(18)~~ 5-73-601 to indicate that carrying a concealed handgun under  
27 this section is permitted.

28 (d) The storage of a handgun in a university or college-operated  
29 student dormitory or residence hall is prohibited ~~under § 5-73-119(e)~~.

30 (e)(1) A licensee who may carry a concealed handgun in the buildings  
31 and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or community  
32 college under this section may not carry a concealed handgun into a location  
33 in which an official meeting lasting no more than nine (9) hours is being  
34 conducted in accordance with documented grievance and disciplinary procedures  
35 as established by the public university, public college, or community college  
36 if:

1 (A) At least twenty-four (24) hours' notice is given to  
 2 participants of the official meeting;

3 (B) Notice is posted on the door of or each entryway into  
 4 the location in which the official meeting is being conducted that possession  
 5 of a concealed handgun by a licensee under this section is prohibited during  
 6 the official meeting; and

7 (C) The area of a building prohibited under this  
 8 subdivision (e)(1) is no larger than necessary to complete the grievance or  
 9 disciplinary meeting.

10 (2) A person who knowingly violates subdivision (e)(1) of this  
 11 section upon conviction is guilty of:

12 (A) A violation for a first offense and subject to a fine  
 13 not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100); and

14 (B) A Class C misdemeanor for a second or subsequent  
 15 offense.

16 (f) This section does not affect a licensee's ability to store a  
 17 concealed handgun in his or her vehicle under § ~~5-73-306(13)(B)(v)~~ 5-73-603.

18 ~~(g)(1) A licensee who intends to carry a concealed handgun in the  
 19 buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or  
 20 community college is required to complete a training course approved by the  
 21 Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police.~~

22 ~~(2)(A) Training required under this subsection shall:~~

23 ~~(i) Not be required to be renewed;~~

24 ~~(ii) Consist of a course of up to eight (8) hours;~~

25 ~~(iii) Be offered at the training instructor's option  
 26 at concealed carry training courses; and~~

27 ~~(iv) Cost no more than a nominal amount.~~

28 ~~(B) The director may waive up to four (4) hours of the  
 29 training required under this subsection for a licensee based on the  
 30 licensee's prior training attended within ten (10) years of applying for the  
 31 endorsement provided for under subdivision (g)(3) of this section on  
 32 appropriate topics.~~

33 ~~(3) A licensee who completes a training course under this  
 34 subsection shall be given a concealed carry endorsement by the Division of  
 35 Arkansas State Police on his or her license to carry a concealed handgun  
 36 indicating that the person is permitted to possess and carry a concealed~~

1 handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public  
 2 college, or community college.

3 ~~(h) A licensee who completes a training course and obtains a concealed~~  
 4 ~~carry endorsement under subsection (g) of this section is exempted from the~~  
 5 ~~prohibitions and restrictions on:~~

6 ~~(1) Carrying a firearm in a publicly owned building or facility~~  
 7 ~~under § 5-73-122, if the firearm is a concealed handgun; and~~

8 ~~(2) Carrying a concealed handgun in a prohibited place listed~~  
 9 ~~under § 5-73-306(7) (12), (14), (15), and (17), unless otherwise prohibited~~  
 10 ~~under § 5-73-306(19) or § 5-73-306(20).~~

11 ~~(i) The division shall maintain a list of licensees who have~~  
 12 ~~successfully completed a training course under subsection (g) of this~~  
 13 ~~section.~~

14 ~~(j)(1)(g)(1)~~ Unless possession of a concealed handgun is a requirement  
 15 of a licensee's job description, the possession of a concealed handgun under  
 16 this section is a personal choice made by the licensee and not a requirement  
 17 of the employing public university, public college, or community college.

18 (2) A licensee who possesses a concealed handgun in the  
 19 buildings and on the grounds of a public university, public college, or  
 20 community college at which the licensee is employed is not:

21 (A) Acting in the course of or scope of his or her  
 22 employment when possessing or using a concealed handgun;

23 (B) Entitled to worker's compensation benefits for  
 24 injuries arising from his or her own negligent acts in possessing or using a  
 25 concealed handgun;

26 (C) Immune from personal liability with respect to  
 27 possession or use of a concealed handgun; or

28 (D) Permitted to carry a concealed handgun openly or in  
 29 any other manner in which the concealed handgun is visible to ordinary  
 30 observation.

31 (3) A public university, public college, or community college is  
 32 immune from a claim for monetary damages arising from or related to a  
 33 licensee's use of, or failure to use, a concealed handgun if the licensee  
 34 elects to possess a concealed handgun under this section.

35  
 36 SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 5-73-323 is repealed.



~~5-73-323. Post-Prison Transfer Board exemptions.~~

~~A member of the Post-Prison Transfer Board, a board investigator, or a revocation hearing judge who has been issued a license to carry a concealed handgun by the Division of Arkansas State Police under this subchapter may carry his or her concealed handgun into a building in which or a location on which a law enforcement officer may carry a handgun if the board member, board investigator, or revocation hearing judge is on official business of the board.~~

SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 5-73-324(b), concerning the infringement of firearm rights by rules of the Division of Arkansas State Police, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The Division of Arkansas State Police shall not promulgate any rule and shall amend any existing rule that would result in a licensee having his or her license to carry a concealed handgun suspended or revoked solely because he or she possessed a handgun and the possession was not in violation of any criminal offense ~~or § 5-73-306~~, § 5-73-504, or § 5-73-601.

SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 5-73-328 is repealed.

~~5-73-328. Board of Corrections exemption.~~

~~A member of the Board of Corrections who is a licensee may carry his or her concealed handgun into a building in which or a location on which a law enforcement officer may carry a concealed handgun.~~

SECTION 13. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, is amended to add additional subchapters to read as follows:

Subchapter 5 – Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a License

5-73-501. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, “minor” means any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

5-73-502. Prohibition on minors possessing handguns.

(a) A minor in this state shall not possess a handgun.

(b)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(2) of this section, a violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

1           (2) A violation of this section is a Class D felony if the minor  
 2 has previously:

3           (A) Been adjudicated delinquent for a violation of this  
 4 section or a violation under former § 5-73-119(a) as it existed on January 1,  
 5 2025;

6           (B) Been adjudicated delinquent for any offense that would  
 7 be a felony if committed by an adult; or

8           (C) Pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to or been found  
 9 guilty of a felony in circuit court.

10  
 11       5-73-503. Persons who may carry a handgun without a license.

12       Except as provided in § 5-73-504, a person who is not a minor and who  
 13 is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm under state law may  
 14 carry a handgun, whether openly or concealed, in this state without obtaining  
 15 a license under § 5-73-301 et seq., including without limitation:

- 16           (1) In his or her home;
- 17           (2) Around the curtilage of his or her home; or
- 18           (3) On a journey, as defined in § 5-73-101, away from home.

19  
 20       5-73-504. Places a person without a license is prohibited from  
 21 carrying.

22       (a) A person who does not have a license to carry a concealed handgun  
 23 shall not knowingly carry a firearm:

24           (1)(A) In or on the following education-related property:

25                   (i) On the school facilities, whether owned or  
 26 leased, of a public or private school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-  
 27 12);

28                   (ii) On the school facilities, whether owned or  
 29 leased, of a public or private school prekindergarten (Pre-K);

30                   (iii) Inside a school bus; or

31                   (iv) On the school facilities, whether owned or  
 32 leased, of any institution of higher education.

33       (B) The prohibitions in subdivision (a)(1)(A) of this  
 34 section do not apply if, at the time of possession of the firearm, the person  
 35 is:

36           (i) Participating in a certified hunting safety

1 course sponsored by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or a firearm  
2 safety course recognized and approved by the commission or by a state or  
3 national nonprofit organization qualified and experienced in firearm safety;

4 (ii) Participating in a school-approved educational  
5 course or sporting activity involving the use of firearms; or

6 (iii) A minor engaged in a lawful marksmanship  
7 competition or practice or other lawful recreational shooting under the  
8 supervision of his or her parent, legal guardian, or other person twenty-one  
9 (21) years of age or older standing in loco parentis or is traveling to or  
10 from a lawful marksmanship competition or practice or other lawful  
11 recreational shooting with an unloaded firearm accompanied by his or her  
12 parent, legal guardian, or other person twenty-one (21) years of age or older  
13 standing in loco parentis;

14 (2)(A) Into buildings that are owned or operated by a municipal,  
15 county, or state government.

16 (B) The prohibitions in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this  
17 section do not apply if, at the time of possession of the firearm, the person  
18 is at a highway rest area;

19 (3) Into the State Capitol Building;

20 (4) At any meeting of the General Assembly or a committee of the  
21 General Assembly;

22 (5) At any meeting place of the governing body of any  
23 governmental entity;

24 (6) Into a portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as  
25 defined in § 3-5-1202, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for  
26 consumption on the premises, or where beer or light wine is consumed on the  
27 premises;

28 (7) Inside the passenger terminal of an airport, except that no  
29 person is prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the passenger  
30 terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment for purposes of checking the  
31 firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on an aircraft; or

32 (8)(A) Into a place owned or operated by a person or private  
33 entity that prohibits the carrying of a firearm by:

34 (i)(a) Placing at each entrance to the place a  
35 written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10')  
36 that carrying a firearm is prohibited.

1                   (b) If the place does not have a roadway  
2 entrance, the written notice shall be placed anywhere upon the premises of  
3 the place, and at least one (1) written notice shall be posted within every  
4 three (3) acres of a place with no roadway entrance; or

5                   (ii) Providing spoken notice to a person who is  
6 carrying a firearm at the place owned or operated by a person or private  
7 entity that carrying a firearm is prohibited.

8                   (B) A person violates subdivision (a)(8)(A) of this  
9 section if, after having received the written or spoken notice, he or she:

10                   (i) Is carrying a firearm; and

11                   (ii) Remains at or returns to the place owned or  
12 operated by the person or private entity.

13                   (C) The person or entity that exercises control over the  
14 physical location of a place and that chooses not to exercise his, her, or  
15 its authority under subdivision (a)(8)(A) of this section to prohibit a  
16 person from carrying a firearm is immune from a claim for monetary damages  
17 arising from or related to the decision not to exercise that authority.

18                   (D) Subdivision (a)(8)(A) of this section does not apply  
19 to the parking lot of a private employer if a person possesses a firearm as  
20 provided under § 11-5-117.

21                   (b) A person who violates subsection (a) of this section upon  
22 conviction is guilty of a:

23                   (1) Class D felony, for a violation of subdivision (a)(1) of  
24 this section;

25                   (2) Class C misdemeanor, for a violation of subdivision (a)(2)  
26 or (a)(3) of this section; or

27                   (3) Violation, for a violation of subdivision (a)(4), (a)(5),  
28 (a)(6), (a)(7), or (a)(8) of this section, and imposition of a fine of up to  
29 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.

30  
31                   5-73-505. Exemptions – Persons who may carry a handgun in certain  
32 prohibited places.

33                   The prohibitions in § 5-73-504 do not apply to:

34                   (1)(A) A law enforcement officer or other official who is  
35 permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et seq.

36                   (B) However, an off-duty law enforcement officer or other

1 official who is permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et  
 2 seq. may be required to be in physical possession of a valid identification  
 3 identifying the person as a law enforcement officer or other official who is  
 4 permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et seq.;

5 (2) A commissioned security officer or commissioned school  
 6 security officer acting in the course and scope of his or her duties;

7 (3) A person who is assisting a law enforcement officer or  
 8 correctional officer, acting in the course and scope of his or her official  
 9 duties, pursuant to the direction or request of the law enforcement officer  
 10 or correctional officer;

11 (4) A law enforcement officer, either on-duty or off-duty,  
 12 officer of the court, bailiff, or other person authorized by the court to  
 13 possess a handgun in the courtroom of any court or a courthouse of this  
 14 state; and

15 (5) A member of the General Assembly, the Governor, Lieutenant  
 16 Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, Attorney  
 17 General, or Commissioner of State Lands carrying a handgun onto the State  
 18 Capitol grounds, into the State Capitol Building, into a meeting of the  
 19 General Assembly or of a committee of the General Assembly, or into the  
 20 Multi-Agency Complex.

21  
 22 Subchapter 6 – Carrying a Concealed Handgun With a License

23  
 24 5-73-601. Places a licensee is prohibited from carrying a handgun –  
 25 Definition.

26 (a) As used in this subchapter, "licensee" means the same as defined  
 27 in § 5-73-301.

28 (b) It is unlawful for a licensee to knowingly carry a concealed  
 29 handgun in the following locations:

30 (1) On the school facilities, whether owned or leased, of a  
 31 public school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) or of a public school  
 32 prekindergarten (Pre-K);

33 (2) Inside a school bus;

34 (3)(A) On the school facilities, whether owned or leased, of a  
 35 private school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), unless the private  
 36 school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) allows the licensee to carry

1 a concealed handgun on the school facilities of the private school  
2 kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12).

3 (B) If a private school kindergarten through grade twelve  
4 (K-12) allows a licensee to carry a concealed handgun on the school  
5 facilities of the private school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12)  
6 under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of this section, the licensee shall comply with  
7 the rules established by the private school kindergarten through grade twelve  
8 (K-12);

9 (4) Into any police station, county sheriff's station, or  
10 Division of Arkansas State Police station;

11 (5) Into an Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas  
12 Department of Transportation facility;

13 (6) Into any part, including a parking lot, of a:

14 (A) Detention facility, prison, or jail; or

15 (B) Residential treatment facility owned or operated by  
16 the Division of Youth Services;

17 (7) Into any courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building  
18 owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court  
19 proceedings, or any courtroom, except that a law enforcement officer, either  
20 on-duty or off-duty, officer of the court, bailiff, or other person  
21 authorized by the court is permitted to possess a handgun in the courtroom of  
22 any court, a courthouse of this state, courthouse annex, or other building  
23 owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court  
24 proceedings;

25 (8) Into a posted firearm-sensitive area, as approved by the  
26 Division of Arkansas State Police under § 5-73-325, located at:

27 (A) The Arkansas State Hospital;

28 (B) The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; or

29 (C) A collegiate athletic event; and

30 (9)(A) Into a place owned or operated by a person or private  
31 entity, or any place licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for public  
32 consumption, that prohibits the carrying of a firearm by:

33 (i)(a) Placing at each entrance to the place a  
34 written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10')  
35 that carrying a firearm is prohibited.

36 (b) If the place does not have a roadway

1 entrance, the written notice shall be placed anywhere upon the premises of  
2 the place, and at least one (1) written notice shall be posted within every  
3 three (3) acres of a place with no roadway entrance; or

4 (ii) Providing spoken notice to a person who is  
5 carrying a firearm at the place owned or operated by a person or private  
6 entity that carrying a firearm is prohibited.

7 (B) A person violates subdivision (b)(9)(A) of this  
8 section if, after having received written or spoken notice under subdivision  
9 (b)(9)(A) of this section, he or she:

10 (i) Is carrying a firearm; and

11 (ii) Remains at or returns to the place owned or  
12 operated by the person or private entity.

13 (C) The person or entity that exercises control over the  
14 physical location of a place and that chooses not to exercise his, her, or  
15 its authority under this subdivision (b)(9)(A) of this section to prohibit a  
16 person from carrying a firearm is immune from a claim for monetary damages  
17 arising from or related to the decision not to exercise that authority.

18 (D) Subdivision (b)(9)(A) of this section does not apply  
19 to the parking lot of a private employer if a person possesses a firearm as  
20 provided under § 11-5-117.

21 (c) A person who violates subsection (b) of this section upon  
22 conviction is guilty of a:

23 (1) Class D felony, for a violation of subdivision (b)(1),  
24 (b)(2), or (b)(3) of this section;

25 (2) Class C misdemeanor, for a violation of subdivision (b)(4),  
26 (b)(5), (b)(6), (b)(7), or (b)(8) of this section; or

27 (3) Violation, for a violation of subdivision (b)(9) of this  
28 section, and imposition of a fine of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per  
29 violation.

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31 5-73-602. Exemptions.

32 (a) Section 5-73-601 does not apply to:

33 (1)(A) A law enforcement officer or other official who is  
34 permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et seq.

35 (B) However, an off-duty law enforcement officer or other  
36 official who is permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et

1 seq. may be required to be in physical possession of a valid identification  
2 identifying the person as a law enforcement officer or other official who is  
3 permitted to carry a concealed handgun under § 12-15-201 et seq.;

4 (2) A commissioned security officer or commissioned school  
5 security officer acting in the course and scope of his or her duties;

6 (3) A person who is assisting a law enforcement officer or  
7 correctional officer, acting in the course and scope of his or her official  
8 duties, pursuant to the direction or request of the law enforcement officer  
9 or correctional officer;

10 (4) A Justice of the Supreme Court or a Judge of the Court of  
11 Appeals, who is carrying a concealed handgun in the Arkansas Justice  
12 Building; or

13 (5) A law enforcement officer, either on-duty or off-duty,  
14 officer of the court, bailiff, or other person authorized by the court to  
15 possess a handgun in the courtroom of any court or a courthouse of this  
16 state.

17 (b) The prohibitions in § 5-73-601(b)(1)-(3) do not apply if at the  
18 time of the act of possessing a handgun the person is:

19 (1) Traveling to or from a hunting area for the purpose of  
20 hunting game and the person keeps the handgun in his or her personal vehicle;  
21 or

22 (2) Participating in:

23 (A) A certified hunting safety course sponsored by the  
24 Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

25 (B) A firearm safety course recognized and approved by the  
26 commission or by a state or national nonprofit organization qualified and  
27 experienced in firearm safety; or

28 (C) An educational activity that involves the use of  
29 weapons at a school and the possession of a concealed handgun has been  
30 approved in advance by the school.

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32 5-73-603. Handgun in motor vehicle.

33 (a) It is not unlawful for a licensee to carry a concealed or  
34 unconcealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or to leave the concealed or  
35 unconcealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle in a  
36 parking lot.



1           (b)(1) As used in subsection (a) of this section, “parking lot” means  
 2 a designated area or structure or part of a structure intended for the  
 3 parking of motor vehicles or a designated drop-off zone for children at  
 4 school.

5           (2) “Parking lot” does not include a parking lot owned,  
 6 maintained, or otherwise controlled by:

7                     (A) The Department of Corrections; or

8                     (B) A residential treatment facility owned or operated by  
 9 the Division of Youth Services.

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 11           SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(15), concerning the definition of  
 12 “delinquent juvenile” in the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to  
 13 read as follows:

14                     (15) “Delinquent juvenile” means:

15                             (A) A juvenile ten (10) years old or older who:

16                                     (i) Has committed an act other than a traffic  
 17 offense or game and fish violation that, if the act had been committed by an  
 18 adult, would subject the adult to prosecution for a felony, misdemeanor, or  
 19 violation under the applicable criminal laws of this state;

20                                     (ii) Has violated § ~~5-73-119~~ 5-73-502; or

21                                     (iii) Has violated § 5-71-217(d)(2), cyberbullying  
 22 of a school employee; or

23                             (B) Any juvenile charged with capital murder, § 5-10-101,  
 24 or murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, subject to extended juvenile  
 25 jurisdiction;

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 27           SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 9-27-309(g)(7), concerning offenses that  
 28 require a prosecuting attorney to notify a school district when juvenile is  
 29 adjudicated delinquent, is amended to read as follows:

30                     (7) The unlawful possession of a handgun under § ~~5-73-119~~ 5-73-  
 31 502.

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 33           SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 9-27-309(i)(1), concerning offenses that  
 34 require a law enforcement agency to notify a school district when juvenile is  
 35 arrested, is amended to read as follows:

36                     (i)(1) If a juvenile is arrested for unlawful possession of a firearm

1 under § ~~5-73-119~~ 5-73-502, an offense involving a deadly weapon under § 5-1-  
 2 102, or battery in the first degree under § 5-13-201, the arresting agency  
 3 shall orally notify the superintendent or the designee of the superintendent  
 4 of the school district to which the juvenile transfers, in which the juvenile  
 5 is enrolled, or from which the juvenile receives services of the offense for  
 6 which the juvenile was arrested or detained within twenty-four (24) hours of  
 7 the arrest or detention or before the next school day, whichever is earlier.

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 9 SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 9-27-313(d)(1)(A), concerning offenses  
 10 that require a law enforcement agency to take a juvenile to detention,  
 11 immediately notify the parent or guardian of the juvenile, and notify the  
 12 juvenile intake officer, are amended to read as follows:

13 (d)(1)(A) A law enforcement officer shall take a juvenile to  
 14 detention, immediately make every effort to notify the custodial parent,  
 15 guardian, or custodian of the juvenile’s location, and notify the juvenile  
 16 intake officer within twenty-four (24) hours so that a petition may be filed  
 17 if a juvenile is taken into custody for:

18 (i) Unlawful possession of a handgun, § ~~5-73-~~  
 19 ~~119(a)(1)~~ 5-73-502;

20 (ii) Possession of a handgun on school property, §  
 21 ~~5-73-119(b)(1)~~ 5-73-504(a)(1);

22 (iii) Unlawful discharge of a firearm from a  
 23 vehicle, § 5-74-107;

24 (iv) Any felony committed while armed with a  
 25 firearm; or

26 (v) Criminal use of prohibited weapons, § 5-73-104.

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 28 SECTION 18. Arkansas Code § 9-27-318(b)(1)(C), concerning offenses  
 29 involving a juvenile fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) years of age that permit a  
 30 prosecuting attorney to file a motion in the juvenile division of circuit  
 31 court to transfer a case to the criminal division of circuit court or to  
 32 designate a juvenile as an extended juvenile jurisdiction offender, is  
 33 amended to read as follows:

34 (C) Possession of a handgun on school property, § ~~5-73-~~  
 35 ~~119(b)(1)(A)~~ 5-73-504(a)(1);

1 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 9-27-318(b)(2), concerning offenses  
 2 involving a juvenile at least fourteen (14) years of age that permit a  
 3 prosecuting attorney to file a motion in the juvenile division of circuit  
 4 court to transfer a case to the criminal division of circuit court or to  
 5 designate a juvenile as an extended juvenile jurisdiction offender, is  
 6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) At least fourteen (14) years old when he or she engages in  
 8 conduct that constitutes a felony under § ~~5-73-119(a)~~ 5-73-502; or

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 10 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 9-27-501(a)(3)(0), concerning offenses  
 11 involving a juvenile fourteen (14) or fifteen (15) years of age that permit a  
 12 prosecuting attorney to file a motion to designate a juvenile as an extended  
 13 juvenile jurisdiction offender, is amended to read as follows:

14 (0) Possession of a handgun on school property, § ~~5-73-~~  
 15 ~~119(b)(1)(A)~~ 5-73-504(a)(1);

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 17 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 12-15-201(3)(C)(iii), concerning the  
 18 definition of “employee of a local detention facility” in the definitions  
 19 section for concealed handgun permits for law enforcement officers and other  
 20 officials, is amended to read as follows:

21 (3) “Employee of a local detention facility” means a person who:

22 (A) Is employed by a county sheriff or municipality that  
 23 operates a local detention facility and whose job duties include:

24 (i) Securing a local detention facility;

25 (ii) Monitoring inmates in a local detention

26 facility; or

27 (iii) Administering the daily operation of the local  
 28 detention facility;

29 (B) Has completed the minimum training requirements; and

30 (C) Has obtained authorization from the chief of police of  
 31 the law enforcement agency or county sheriff and the authorization is:

32 (i) In writing;

33 (ii) In the possession of the employee of a local  
 34 detention facility; and

35 (iii) Produced upon demand at the request of any law  
 36 enforcement officer or owner or operator of any of the prohibited places

1 under ~~§ 5-73-306~~ §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601;

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3 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 12-15-202(d), concerning an active or  
4 retired law enforcement officer carrying a concealed handgun in prohibited  
5 places, is amended to read as follows:

6 (d) A certified or retired law enforcement officer or active or  
7 retired auxiliary law enforcement officer carrying a concealed handgun under  
8 this section is not subject to the prohibitions and limitations of ~~§ 5-73-306~~  
9 §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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11 SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 12-15-204(b), concerning member of a  
12 municipal fire department bomb squad carrying a concealed handgun in  
13 prohibited places, is amended to read as follows:

14 (b) A member of a municipal fire department bomb squad carrying a  
15 concealed handgun under this section is not subject to the prohibitions and  
16 limitations of ~~§ 5-73-306~~ §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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18 SECTION 24. Arkansas Code § 12-15-205(c), concerning an active or  
19 retired prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting attorney carrying a  
20 concealed handgun in prohibited places, is amended to read as follows:

21 (c) An active or retired prosecuting attorney or active or retired  
22 deputy prosecuting attorney designated by the prosecuting attorney carrying a  
23 concealed handgun under this section is not subject to the prohibitions and  
24 limitations of ~~§ 5-73-306~~ §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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26 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 12-15-206(b), concerning an emergency  
27 medical technician carrying a concealed handgun in prohibited places, is  
28 amended to read as follows:

29 (b) An emergency medical technician carrying a concealed handgun under  
30 this section is not subject to the prohibitions and limitations of ~~§ 5-73-306~~  
31 §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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33 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 12-15-207(b), concerning a current or  
34 former judge carrying a concealed handgun in prohibited places, is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 (b) A current or former district court judge, circuit court judge,

1 Court of Appeals judge, or Supreme Court justice carrying a concealed handgun  
2 under this section is not subject to the prohibitions and limitations of ~~§ 5-~~  
3 ~~73-306~~ §§ 5-73-504 and 5-73-601.

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# **Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study**

## *ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee*

### **Final Report to the ALC-Executive Subcommittee**

October 17, 2024

#### **I. Background.**

On August 25, 2023, the Legislative Council directed the Subcommittee to undertake the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study and adopted the study parameters set forth in Attachment A to this report. The procedures of the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study required on or before October 1, 2024, that the Subcommittee shall file with the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council a final written report of their activities, findings, and recommendations, including any draft legislation. Upon filing of the final report to the Executive Subcommittee, the study shall be complete.

The purpose of the study is to review the existing laws of the State of Arkansas concerning ownership, use, and possession of firearms as well as the concealed carry laws of the state, in order to ascertain the existing rights and restrictions under the laws and recommend legislation to these laws as necessary to clarify the rights and restrictions of citizens of the State of Arkansas with regard to laws concerning firearms and concealed carry of firearms.

#### **II. Work of the Subcommittee.**

On October 19, 2023, the Subcommittee heard a presentation regarding an overview of the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study and timeline. Beginning in November of 2023, the Subcommittee held monthly meetings, with the exception of April 2024 and May 2024 due to the Fiscal Session, to hear summaries of the laws concerning firearms regarding the following topics:

- Federal Laws;
- Hunting Laws;
- Concealed Carry Laws and Rules;
- Possession and Open Carry Laws;
- Laws concerning Law Enforcement Officers and Other Armed Officers; and
- Local Government, Business and Commerce, Offenses and Sentencing, Transfer and Disposition of Firearms, Schools and Criminal Law

During each meeting, the following agencies were permitted to provide additional information or responses for that meeting's topic:

- Attorney General's Office;
- Arkansas State Police;

- Arkansas Game & Fish Commission;
- Chiefs of Police Association;
- Prosecutor Coordinator’s Office;
- Sheriffs’ Association; and
- Arkansas Department of Transportation

In addition, members of the public were permitted to sign up and provide input to the Subcommittee on each of the topics.

In September of 2024, the Subcommittee began discussions of the draft legislation to prepare the final packet of legislation and to submit a report to the Executive Subcommittee of Legislative Council. The Subcommittee requested and was granted an extension to its October 1 reporting deadline by the Executive Subcommittee, and concluded its work concerning the report and draft legislation at its meeting on October 7, 2024.

The Subcommittee voted to include the following legislative recommendations in its final report:

**III. Recommendations by the Subcommittee.**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		<b>BILL</b>
<b>HUNTING RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
§15-43-105 – Prima facie evidence of hunting or fishing	Repeal this section.	JLC176
§ 15-43-205 – Negligent Discharge of Firearm while Deer Hunting	Repeal this section.	JLC177
<b>CONCEALED CARRY/OPEN CARRY</b>		
Single Licensing Scheme	Move from 2 licensing schemes to only one.	JLC174
Journey	Leaving the rights under “Journey” as they currently exist, but moving to §5-73-503	JLC174
Gun-Free School Zone Act	Recommendation: No changes needed to current law.	N/A

School Bus Stops	Remove school bus stops from the list of prohibited carry locations.	JLC 174
Parades or Demonstrations	Striking this provision in its entirety.	JLC 174
Sentencing – carrying in schools	Recommend penalties set at an amount of up to \$1,000 per offense.	JLC174
Publicly Owned Buildings	Recommend the language of the new concealed carry licensing scheme be clear that the license allows you to carry in certain state buildings.	JLC174
Meeting of Gov't Entities	Recommend allowing concealed carry in all these types of meetings.	JLC174
Sentencing/Fines/Penalties	Recommend penalties set at an amount of up to \$1,000 per offense.	JLC174
Airports	Recommendation: No changes needed to current law.	N/A
Publicly-owned educational institutions	Recommendation: Anyone covered by an alcohol permit is allowed to prohibit weapons on their premises.	JLC174
Officers of the court (Issues of Courtrooms vs. Courthouses)	Adopted language to establish where carry is allowed based on Arkansas Supreme Court Administrative Order 23 and recent caselaw.	JLC174
Bd. Of Corrections vs. Post-Prison Transfer Bd.	Recommend repeal § 5-73-328 and § 5-73-323	JLC174



ASP Duty to Issue Licenses (Statutory)	Change “may issue” to “shall issue” throughout applicable code sections to make consistent with § 5-73-309 (making the language clear that ASP is required to issue concealed carry licenses mandatory rather than permissive language).	JLC175
Involuntary Commitments	Recommendation: To further study the issue – currently there is not path to regain right to possession of a firearm if ever involuntarily committed.	JLC184
<b>LEO RECOMMENDATIONS</b>		
Unify Judicial Districts Treatment in Code re: Bailiffs, probation officers, etc.	Recommendation: Make one code section that provides the same authority to all judicial districts (repeal the others).	JLC180
Award of firearms upon death/retirement	Recommendation: One code provision listing all law enforcement officers (all entities) and provide for award of the leo’s service pistol upon death or retirement of the leo.	JLC179
<b>OTHER:</b>		
Municipalities/Counties Restrictions	Recommendation: Prohibit municipalities and counties from enacting or promulgating firearms requirements that are most restrictive than state law.	JLC178

§ 23-12-804 Fines for Shooting at Trains	Recommend classifying this offense as a Class A misdemeanor.	JLC183
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In addition to the recommendations listed above, at its meeting on October 7, 2024, the Subcommittee adopted motions to make the following revisions to JLC174 prior to filing it with the General Assembly for consideration during the 2025 Regular Session:

- Define the term “school facilities”, as it appears in the bill prior to filing of legislation in 2025 Regular Session;
- Duplicate language of §5-73-601(b)(3)(B) and place in §5-73-504, but rather than “licensee” reference “person” and include pre-Kindergarten;
- Split §5-73-601(b)(9) into 2 subdivisions (2 listings of prohibited places)
  - “Into a place owned or operated by a person or private entity that prohibits the carrying of a firearm” with all language regarding sign placement; and
  - “Into any place licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for public consumption that prohibits the carrying of a firearm” – limited to the day of the event when alcohol is being served – and include all language regarding sign placement; and
- BLR was directed to review Arkansas Code §11-5-117 to determine whether it conflicts with the provisions of JLC174 and requires any revision in the bill.

**IV. Conclusion.**

The ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee recommends adoption by the Executive Subcommittee of all recommendations included in this report. Under the procedures adopted by the Legislative Council (Attachment A), the Executive Subcommittee shall review and consider the findings and recommendations of this report and make a final recommendation to the Legislative Council no later than the December 2024 meeting of the Legislative Council.

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Ricky Hill and Rep. Josh Miller, Co-Chairs

**Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study**  
*ALC-Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee*

(a) Beginning in October 2023, the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council shall meet to conduct the Arkansas Firearms and Concealed Carry Laws Study.

(b) The purpose of the study is to review the existing laws of the State of Arkansas concerning ownership, use, and possession of firearms, as well as the concealed carry laws of the state, in order to ascertain the existing rights and restrictions under the laws and recommend legislation to these laws as necessary to clarify the rights and restrictions of citizens of the State of Arkansas with regard to laws concerning firearms and concealed carry of firearms.

(c) In order to achieve the purpose of the study, the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee shall study the following:

(1) Issues related to firearms instructors, including:

(A) Review of uniformity regarding the qualifications to become a firearms instructor in the state, including the level of understanding and knowledge of state and federal laws related to firearms;

(B) Accountability for firearms instructors following initial certification, including continuing education requirements;

(C) Enforcement and oversight of the Arkansas State Police rules pertaining to firearms instructors;

(2) Issues related to concealed carry statutes and rules, including:

(A) Review of clarity in the laws and rules concerning enhanced concealed carry licenses, including who may carry a concealed handgun, restrictions on where a concealed handgun may be carried;

(B) Requirements in place for concealed carry instructors, including marksmanship requirements;

(3) State and federal laws governing gun possession and the interaction of those various laws; and

(4) Determining the proper entity to provide advice and guidance to the Arkansas State Police regarding possible discrepancies in the laws related to firearms.

(d)(1) On or before October 1, 2024, the Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee shall file with the Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council a final written report of their activities, findings, and recommendations, including any draft legislation.

(2) Upon filing of the final report with the Executive Subcommittee, the study shall be complete.

(3) The Executive Subcommittee shall review and consider the findings and recommendations of the report and make a final recommendation to the Legislative Council no later than the December 2024 meeting of the Legislative Council.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Third Extraordinary Session, 2024  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator Rice  
6 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A  
10 LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; TO REQUIRE THE  
11 DIVISION OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO ISSUE A LICENSE  
12 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL  
13 QUALIFIES FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE UNDER STATE  
14 LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE  
19 OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
20 HANDGUN; AND TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF  
21 ARKANSAS STATE POLICE TO ISSUE A LICENSE  
22 TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHEN AN  
23 INDIVIDUAL QUALIFIES UNDER STATE LAW.  
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-302(a), concerning the authority of  
29 the Division of Arkansas State Police to issue a license to carry a concealed  
30 handgun, is amended to read as follows:

31 (a) The Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police ~~may~~ shall  
32 issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to a person qualified as  
33 provided in this subchapter.  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-320(a), concerning the authority of  
36 the Division of Arkansas State Police to issue a license to carry a concealed

1 handgun for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve  
2 component or active duty military personnel, is amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The Division of Arkansas State Police ~~may~~ shall issue a license  
4 under this subchapter to a person who:

5 (1) Is currently serving as an active duty member of, or has  
6 recently been honorably discharged from, the United States Armed Forces, the  
7 National Guard, or a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces;

8 (2) Submits the following documents:

9 (A) A completed concealed handgun license application as  
10 prescribed by the division;

11 (B) A form specified by the Director of the Division of  
12 Arkansas State Police reflecting the fingerprints of the applicant;

13 (C) A properly completed and dated certificate from a  
14 concealed handgun carry training instructor who is registered with the  
15 division;

16 (D) A letter dated and personally signed by a commanding  
17 officer or his or her designee stating that the applicant is of good  
18 character and sound judgment;

19 (E) A form, as designated by the division, showing that  
20 the applicant has met the military qualification requirements for issuance  
21 and operation of a handgun within one (1) year of the application date;

22 (F) A copy of the face or photograph side of a current  
23 uniformed services of the United States identification card, if the applicant  
24 is a member of the United States Armed Forces; and

25 (G) An electronic passport-style photo of the applicant,  
26 if the applicant does not hold an Arkansas driver's license or identification  
27 card; and

28 (3) Submits any required fees.  
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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Third Extraordinary Session, 2024  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
HOUSE BILL

5 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EVIDENCE OF  
9 HUNTING AND FISHING; TO REPEAL ARKANSAS CODE § 15-43-  
10 105; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EVIDENCE OF  
15 HUNTING AND FISHING; AND TO REPEAL  
16 ARKANSAS CODE § 15-43-105.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-43-105 is repealed.

22 ~~15-43-105. Prima facie evidence of hunting and fishing.~~

23 ~~(a) The possession of firearms in fields, forests, along streams, or~~  
24 ~~in any location known to be game cover shall be considered prima facie~~  
25 ~~evidence that the possessor is hunting.~~

26 ~~(b) The possession of tackle, nets, spears, or other instruments~~  
27 ~~usually used in fishing on or in the vicinity of lakes and streams shall be~~  
28 ~~considered prima facie evidence that the possessor is fishing.~~  
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1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator J. Boyd  
6 By: Representative Beaty Jr.  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NEGLIGENT  
10 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WHILE HUNTING DEER; TO REPEAL §  
11 15-43-205; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NEGLIGENT  
16 DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WHILE HUNTING DEER;  
17 AND TO REPEAL § 15-43-205.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-43-205 is repealed.

23 ~~15-43-205. Negligent discharge of firearms while hunting deer.~~

24 ~~(a) The General Assembly has become aware of the fact that many~~  
25 ~~persons hunting deer in this state negligently allow their firearms to be~~  
26 ~~discharged without exercising proper care to ascertain the object at which~~  
27 ~~they shoot, thereby endangering the life, limb, and property of other~~  
28 ~~persons. It is the intent of this section to deter the negligent use of~~  
29 ~~firearms by deer hunters by imposing penalties therefor.~~

30 ~~(b) A person who, while hunting deer, negligently discharges a firearm~~  
31 ~~in such circumstances as to endanger the person or property of another shall~~  
32 ~~be fined in an amount not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than~~  
33 ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or may be imprisoned in the county jail for a~~  
34 ~~period not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or be~~  
35 ~~both fined and imprisoned.~~  
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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
HOUSE BILL

5 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING FIREARMS AND REGULATION BY LOCAL  
9 GOVERNMENTS; TO PROHIBIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM  
10 ENACTING AN ORDINANCE OR PROMULGATING A REGULATION  
11 CONCERNING FIREARMS THAT IS MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN  
12 STATE LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING FIREARMS AND REGULATION BY  
16 LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; AND TO PROHIBIT A  
17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING AN  
18 ORDINANCE OR PROMULGATING A REGULATION  
19 CONCERNING FIREARMS THAT IS MORE  
20 RESTRICTIVE THAN STATE LAW.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 1, is amended  
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 14-1-111. Regulation of firearms by local government – Definition.

29 (a) As used in this section, “local government” means:

30 (1) A county;

31 (2) A city of the first class, a city of the second class, or an  
32 incorporated town; or

33 (3) Any other district or political subdivision of the state or  
34 an agency, board, or commission of such a district or political subdivision.

35 (b) A local government shall not enact an ordinance or promulgate a  
36 regulation concerning firearms that is more restrictive than state law.



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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE AWARD OF A FIREARM TO A LAW  
9 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON RETIREMENT OR TO THE  
10 OFFICER'S FAMILY UPON THE DEATH OF THE OFFICER; TO  
11 REPEAL THE VARIOUS STATUTES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN  
12 PLACE AWARDING A FIREARM TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
13 UPON RETIREMENT OR TO THE OFFICER'S FAMILY UPON THE  
14 DEATH OF THE OFFICER AND TO PROVIDE A CONSISTENT  
15 PROCESS ACROSS AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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18 CONCERNING THE AWARD OF A FIREARM TO A  
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UPON RETIREMENT  
20 OR TO THE OFFICER'S FAMILY UPON THE DEATH  
21 OF THE OFFICER.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-214 is repealed.

28 ~~12-8-214. Award of pistol and purchase of shotgun upon retirement or~~  
29 ~~death.~~

30 ~~(a) When a Department of Arkansas State Police officer retires from~~  
31 ~~service or dies while still employed with the department, in recognition of~~  
32 ~~and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased officer, the~~  
33 ~~Arkansas State Police Commission may award the pistol carried by the officer~~  
34 ~~at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:~~

35 ~~(1) The officer; or~~

36 ~~(2) The officer's spouse, if the spouse is eligible under~~

1 applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

2 (b) ~~When a department officer retires from service or dies while still~~  
3 ~~employed with the department, in recognition of and appreciation for the~~  
4 ~~service of the retiring or deceased officer, the commission may allow the~~  
5 ~~purchase of the shotgun used by the officer while on duty at the time of his~~  
6 ~~or her death or retirement from service at fair market value as determined by~~  
7 ~~the commission by:~~

8 (1) ~~The officer; or~~

9 (2) ~~The officer's spouse, if the spouse is eligible under~~  
10 ~~applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

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12 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 12-9-117 is repealed.

13 ~~12-9-117. Award of pistol upon retirement or death of a certified law~~  
14 ~~enforcement officer employed by the division.~~

15 (a) ~~When a certified law enforcement officer employed by the Division~~  
16 ~~of Law Enforcement Standards and Training or a state-funded law enforcement~~  
17 ~~training academy retires from service or dies while still employed with the~~  
18 ~~division or the state-funded law enforcement training academy, in recognition~~  
19 ~~of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased certified law~~  
20 ~~enforcement officer, the division or the state-funded law enforcement~~  
21 ~~training academy may award the pistol carried by the certified law~~  
22 ~~enforcement officer at the time of his or her death or retirement from~~  
23 ~~service to:~~

24 (1) ~~The certified law enforcement officer; or~~

25 (2) ~~The certified law enforcement officer's spouse if the spouse~~  
26 ~~is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

27 (b)(1) ~~A certified law enforcement officer employed by the division or~~  
28 ~~a state-funded law enforcement training academy may retain his or her pistol~~  
29 ~~he or she carried at the time of his or her retirement from service.~~

30 (2) ~~If the certified law enforcement officer dies while he or~~  
31 ~~she is employed by the division or a state-funded law enforcement training~~  
32 ~~academy, his or her spouse may receive or retain the pistol carried by the~~  
33 ~~certified law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death, if the~~  
34 ~~spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a~~  
35 ~~firearm.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 12-14-108 is repealed.

~~12-14-108. Award of pistol upon retirement or death.~~

~~When a State Capitol Police officer retires from service or dies while still employed with the State Capitol Police, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased officer, the Secretary of State may award the pistol carried by the officer at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:~~

~~(1) The officer; or~~

~~(2) The officer's spouse if the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 15, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

12-15-101. Award of pistol and purchase of shotgun upon retirement or death.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Law enforcement officer" means any law enforcement officer, including without limitation:

(A) An officer of the Division of Arkansas State Police;

(B) A officer of the Division of Law Enforcement Standards and Training;

(C) A State Capitol Police officer;

(D) A county sheriff or deputy sheriff;

(E) An officer of the Department of Corrections;

(F) A municipal police officer;

(G) An officer of the State Parks Division of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism; and

(H) A State Highway Commission officer; and

(2) "Public entity" means the state, or a political subdivision of the state, including without limitation an agency, board, commission, committee, council, office, or other state or local entity created by the Arkansas Constitution or law.

(b) When a law enforcement officer retires from service or dies while still employed by a public entity, in recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased officer, the public entity may award the pistol carried by the officer at the time of his or her death or retirement

1 from service to:

2 (1) The law enforcement officer; or

3 (2) The law enforcement officer's spouse, if the spouse is  
4 eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

5 (c) When a law enforcement officer retires from service or dies while  
6 still employed with a public entity, in recognition of and appreciation for  
7 the service of the retiring or deceased officer, the public entity may allow  
8 the purchase of the shotgun used by the officer while on duty at the time of  
9 his or her death or retirement from service at fair market value as  
10 determined by the public entity by:

11 (1) The law enforcement officer; or

12 (2) The law enforcement officer's spouse, if the spouse is  
13 eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.

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15 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 12-15-301 is repealed.

16 ~~12-15-301. Sale of county issued firearms to deputies.~~

17 ~~(a)(1) When any county sheriff's deputy retires or otherwise honorably~~  
18 ~~terminates employment with the county sheriff, the officer may purchase any~~  
19 ~~firearm which had been issued to the officer by the county sheriff.~~

20 ~~(2) The county sheriff, with the approval of the county judge,~~  
21 ~~may sell the firearm to the deputy at its fair market value as determined by~~  
22 ~~the county sheriff.~~

23 ~~(b) In regard to the sale of such firearms, the county sheriff is not~~  
24 ~~required to comply with any other law of this state regarding the sale of~~  
25 ~~county property.~~

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27 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 12-15-302 is repealed.

28 ~~12-15-302. Award of pistol upon retirement or death of a county~~  
29 ~~sheriff or deputy county sheriff.~~

30 ~~(a) When a deputy county sheriff retires from service or dies while~~  
31 ~~still employed with the county sheriff's department, in recognition of and~~  
32 ~~appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased deputy county~~  
33 ~~sheriff, the county sheriff may award the pistol carried by the deputy county~~  
34 ~~sheriff at the time of his or her death or retirement from service to:~~

35 ~~(1) The deputy county sheriff; or~~

36 ~~(2) The deputy county sheriff's spouse if the spouse is eligible~~

1 ~~under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

2 ~~(b)(1) A county sheriff may retain his or her pistol he or she carried~~  
 3 ~~at the time of his or her retirement from service.~~

4 ~~(2) If the county sheriff dies while he or she is still in~~  
 5 ~~office, his or her spouse may receive or retain the pistol carried by the~~  
 6 ~~county sheriff at the time of his or her death if the spouse is eligible~~  
 7 ~~under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

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 9 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 12-27-143 is repealed.

10 ~~12-27-143. Award of service weapon upon retirement or death of~~  
 11 ~~department employee.~~

12 ~~When a Department of Corrections employee dies while still employed~~  
 13 ~~with the department, retires from service with at least twenty (20) years of~~  
 14 ~~service, or retires due to an injury obtained in the line of duty, in~~  
 15 ~~recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased~~  
 16 ~~employee, the Director of the Division of Correction, the Director of the~~  
 17 ~~Division of Community Correction, the Board of Corrections, or the Secretary~~  
 18 ~~of the Department of Corrections may award the service weapon carried by the~~  
 19 ~~employee at the time of his or her retirement from service or death to:~~

20 ~~(1) The employee;~~

21 ~~(2) The employee's spouse if the spouse is eligible under~~  
 22 ~~applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm; or~~

23 ~~(3)(A) The surviving child of the employee if there is no~~  
 24 ~~surviving spouse and the surviving child is eligible under applicable state~~  
 25 ~~and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

26 ~~(B)(i) If there is more than one (1) surviving child of~~  
 27 ~~the employee, the service weapon may be awarded to the oldest surviving child~~  
 28 ~~if he or she is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a~~  
 29 ~~firearm.~~

30 ~~(ii) If the oldest of the surviving children is not~~  
 31 ~~eligible to possess a firearm under applicable state and federal laws, then~~  
 32 ~~the service weapon may be awarded to the next oldest surviving child if he or~~  
 33 ~~she is eligible to possess a firearm under applicable state and federal laws.~~

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 35 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 14-52-112 is repealed.

36 ~~14-52-112. Award of pistol and purchase of shotgun upon retirement.~~

1           ~~(a) When a law enforcement officer employed by a city of the first~~  
2 ~~class, city of the second class, or incorporated town retires from service or~~  
3 ~~dies while still employed with the city of the first class, city of the~~  
4 ~~second class, or incorporated town, in recognition of and appreciation for~~  
5 ~~the service of the retiring or deceased law enforcement officer, the mayor,~~  
6 ~~city manager, or city administrator of the city of the first class, city of~~  
7 ~~the second class, or incorporated town may award the pistol carried by the~~  
8 ~~law enforcement officer at the time of his or her death or retirement from~~  
9 ~~service to:~~

10                     ~~(1) The law enforcement officer; or~~

11                     ~~(2) The law enforcement officer's spouse if the spouse is~~  
12 ~~eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

13           ~~(b) When a law enforcement officer retires from service, the law~~  
14 ~~enforcement officer may purchase the shotgun he or she used while on duty at~~  
15 ~~the fair market value as determined by the mayor, city manager, or city~~  
16 ~~administrator of the city of the first class, city of the second class, or~~  
17 ~~incorporated town.~~

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19           SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 15-11-210 is repealed.

20           ~~15-11-210. Award of pistol upon retirement.~~

21           ~~When a commissioned law enforcement officer of the State Parks Division~~  
22 ~~of the Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism retires from service in~~  
23 ~~good standing after twenty (20) years of service, in recognition of and~~  
24 ~~appreciation for the service of the retiring officer, the Director of the~~  
25 ~~State Parks Division may award to the officer the pistol carried by the~~  
26 ~~officer at the time of his or her retirement from service.~~

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28           SECTION 10. Arkansas Code § 27-65-143 is repealed.

29           ~~27-65-143. Award of pistol, shotgun, or both upon retirement or death.~~

30           ~~When a highway police patrol officer of the Arkansas Highway Police~~  
31 ~~Division of the Arkansas Department of Transportation retires from service or~~  
32 ~~dies while still employed with the Arkansas Department of Transportation, in~~  
33 ~~recognition of and appreciation for the service of the retiring or deceased~~  
34 ~~officer, the State Highway Commission may award the pistol or the shotgun, or~~  
35 ~~both, carried or used by the officer while on duty at the time of his or her~~  
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~~(1) The officer upon retirement; or~~  
~~(2) The officer's spouse if the officer is deceased and the spouse is eligible under applicable state and federal laws to possess a firearm.~~

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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
HOUSE BILL

5 By: Representative Wardlaw  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL OFFICERS; TO REPEAL  
9 INCONSISTENT STATUTES CONCERNING JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN  
10 INDIVIDUAL JUDICIAL DISTRICTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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14 CONCERNING JUDICIAL OFFICERS; AND TO  
15 REPEAL INCONSISTENT STATUTES CONCERNING  
16 JUDICIAL OFFICERS IN INDIVIDUAL JUDICIAL  
17 DISTRICTS.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-13-1412 is repealed.

24 ~~16-13-1412. Circuit court probation officers.~~

25 ~~(a) The circuit judges of the First and Fifth Divisions of the Sixth~~  
26 ~~Judicial District may appoint a chief probation officer and a deputy~~  
27 ~~probation officer.~~

28 ~~(b)(1) The duties of the chief probation officer shall include the~~  
29 ~~supervision of all persons on probation, the investigation of all matters~~  
30 ~~referred to him or her by the court relating to the granting of suspended~~  
31 ~~sentences, and the investigation of any other matters that may be referred to~~  
32 ~~him or her by the court.~~

33 ~~(2) The deputy probation officer shall perform all duties~~  
34 ~~delegated to him or her by the chief probation officer, and all those~~  
35 ~~referred to him or her by the court.~~

36 ~~(3) The chief probation officer and the deputy probation~~



1 officer, in the performance of their duties, may exercise all the powers of a  
2 deputy sheriff, which powers shall include the powers to make arrests, carry  
3 weapons, and serve summonses.

4 (c)(1) The salary of the chief probation officer shall be twenty five  
5 thousand dollars (\$25,000) per calendar year, which salary shall be paid by  
6 Pulaski County.

7 (2) The salary of the deputy probation officer shall be twenty-  
8 three thousand five hundred dollars (\$23,500) per calendar year, which salary  
9 shall be paid by Pulaski County.

10 (3) Any probation officer funded through or by the Board of  
11 Corrections is specifically excluded from the provisions of this section.

12 (d) Nothing in the provisions of this section shall be construed to  
13 repeal or modify the laws now in effect relating to the duties of the State  
14 Parole Officer.

15 (e)(1) The salaries of the chief probation officer and coordinator  
16 probation officers set by this section and by county ordinance shall be  
17 amended to provide for an increase of the minimum salaries of four percent  
18 (4%) as of July 10, 1987; and another increase of four percent (4%) beginning  
19 December 26, 1987; and another increase of four percent (4%) beginning  
20 December 24, 1988, unless a higher salary is provided by any other  
21 legislative act or county ordinance.

22 (2) All of the salaries shall be paid by Pulaski County. All of  
23 the salaries shall be paid biweekly by Pulaski County.

24 (3) When the county quorum court raises salaries for county  
25 employees, it shall also raise salaries an equivalent amount for the  
26 employees provided for in this subsection.

27 (4) The employees covered by this subsection shall be treated by  
28 Pulaski County in the same manner as other Pulaski County employees for all  
29 other purposes.

30  
31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 16-13-1413 is repealed.

32 ~~16-13-1413. Court bailiffs.~~

33 (a)(1)(A) The circuit judges of the Sixth Judicial District may each  
34 appoint one (1) court bailiff.

35 (B) If a circuit judge hears criminal cases, one (1)  
36 assistant court bailiff may also be appointed.

1           ~~(2) The chancery judges of the Sixth Judicial District may each~~  
2 ~~appoint one (1) court bailiff.~~

3           ~~(3) The circuit chancery judges of the Sixth Judicial District~~  
4 ~~may each appoint one (1) court bailiff.~~

5           ~~(b)(1) The duties of the bailiffs shall include their attendance in~~  
6 ~~their respective courts when court is in session and the supervision and~~  
7 ~~maintenance of order in their respective courtrooms, providing security for~~  
8 ~~individuals involved in court proceedings, officers of the court, and judges,~~  
9 ~~and other incidental and related duties at the direction of the judges.~~

10           ~~(2) The bailiffs shall exercise all the powers of a deputy~~  
11 ~~sheriff, including the power to make arrests, carry a weapon, and serve~~  
12 ~~summonses, and shall be certified law enforcement officers.~~

13           ~~(3) The circuit chancery judges may appoint at least one (1)~~  
14 ~~probation officer to serve as assistant bailiff.~~

15           ~~(c) The bailiffs and assistant bailiffs of each of the courts shall~~  
16 ~~receive a salary as set by the Pulaski County Quorum Court.~~

17           ~~(d)(1) When the quorum court raises salaries for county employees, it~~  
18 ~~shall also raise salaries an equivalent amount for the above employees.~~

19           ~~(2) Those employees covered by this section shall be treated by~~  
20 ~~Pulaski County in the same manner as other Pulaski County employees for all~~  
21 ~~other purposes.~~

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23       SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2607 is repealed.

24       ~~16-13-2607. Bailiffs.~~

25           ~~(a) The circuit, chancery, and circuit chancery judges of the~~  
26 ~~Eighteenth Judicial District—East may each appoint one (1) court bailiff~~  
27 ~~and, by concurrence of a majority of the judges in the judicial district, two~~  
28 ~~(2) at large bailiffs to serve as circumstances warrant.~~

29           ~~(b)(1) The duties of the bailiffs shall include:~~

30                   ~~(A) The supervision and maintenance of order in the~~  
31 ~~courtroom;~~

32                   ~~(B) Providing security for the judges, officers of the~~  
33 ~~court, jurors, and other individuals involved in court proceedings;~~

34                   ~~(C) Administering oaths; and~~

35                   ~~(D) Other related duties as assigned by the judges.~~

36           ~~(2) When acting within the scope of their duties, the bailiffs~~

1 shall exercise all the powers necessary and proper to perform their duties,  
2 including the powers of a deputy sheriff and the power to make arrests, carry  
3 a weapon, and serve summons.

4 (3) The bailiffs shall have and maintain law enforcement  
5 certification as is necessary to fully perform the functions of their office.

6 (c)(1)(A) The compensation package of the bailiffs shall be determined  
7 by the Garland County Quorum Court.

8 (B) If the quorum court raises salary benefits for county  
9 employees, it shall also raise salary or benefits an equivalent amount for  
10 the bailiffs.

11 (2) Any other employment or salary considerations will be  
12 governed by Garland County's Job Evaluation Salary Administration Program.

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14 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-13-2704 is repealed.

15 ~~16-13-2704. Bailiffs.~~

16 (a) The circuit, chancery, and circuit chancery judges of the  
17 Nineteenth Judicial District may each appoint one (1) court bailiff.

18 (b)(1) The duties of the bailiffs shall include the supervision and  
19 maintenance of order in their respective courtrooms, providing security for  
20 the judges, officers of the court, jurors, and other individuals involved in  
21 court proceedings, administering oaths, and other incidental and related  
22 duties at the direction of the respective judges.

23 (2) When acting within the scope of their duties, the court  
24 bailiffs shall exercise all the powers necessary and proper to the  
25 performance of their duties, including the powers of a deputy sheriff and the  
26 power to make arrests, carry a weapon, and serve a summons.

27 (3) A bailiff may maintain law enforcement certification  
28 existing or acquired during his or her service as bailiff.

29 (c) The pay of the bailiffs shall be determined by the quorum courts.

30  
31 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 16-13-3106 is repealed.

32 ~~16-13-3106. Bailiffs.~~

33 (a)(1) The circuit chancery judges of the Twenty-second Judicial  
34 District may each appoint so many court bailiffs as the quorum courts of the  
35 district shall fund.

36 (2) The circuit chancery judges of the Seventh Judicial District

1 ~~may each appoint so many court bailiffs as the quorum court of the district~~  
2 ~~shall fund.~~

3 ~~(b)(1) The duties of the bailiffs shall include:~~

4 ~~(A) Their attendance in their respective courts when court~~  
5 ~~is in session and the supervision and maintenance of order in their~~  
6 ~~respective courtrooms;~~

7 ~~(B) Providing security for criminal defendants, juries,~~  
8 ~~and judges; and~~

9 ~~(C) Other incidental and related duties at the direction~~  
10 ~~of the respective judges.~~

11 ~~(2) When acting within the scope of their duties as court~~  
12 ~~bailiffs, the bailiffs shall exercise all the powers of a deputy sheriff,~~  
13 ~~which shall include the power to make arrests, carry a weapon, and serve~~  
14 ~~summonses, and may maintain law enforcement certification existing or~~  
15 ~~acquired during their service as bailiffs.~~

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# A Bill

DRAFT JLC/CLJ  
SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator J. Boyd  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DISCHARGE OF A  
9 FIREARM AT A TRAIN; TO INCREASE THE FINE THAT MAY BE  
10 IMPOSED FOR THE DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM AT A TRAIN OR  
11 FOR THROWING OTHER OBJECTS AT A TRAIN; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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16 OF A FIREARM AT A TRAIN; AND TO INCREASE  
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19 THROWING OTHER OBJECTS AT A TRAIN.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-12-804 is amended to read as follows:

27 23-12-804. Discharge of firearms or throwing objects at railroad or  
28 street car.

29 If any person ~~wantonly, maliciously, or mischievously~~ knowingly  
30 discharges firearms or throws stones, sticks, clubs, or other missiles at,  
31 into, or against any locomotive, railroad car, or street car on any railroad,  
32 upon conviction he or she shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. ~~On~~  
33 ~~conviction the person shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty-~~  
34 ~~five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) or by~~  
35 ~~imprisonment in the county jail for not more than three (3) months, or by~~  
36 ~~both a fine and imprisonment.~~

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# A Bill

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SENATE BILL

5 By: Senator Hill  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE PROPRIETY AND  
9 POTENTIAL PROCEDURE FOR RESTORING THE RIGHT TO  
10 POSSESS A FIREARM TO A PERSON WHO WAS DECLARED  
11 MENTALLY INCOMPETENT OR WAS COMMITTED TO A MENTAL  
12 HEALTH TREATMENT FACILITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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16 POTENTIAL PROCEDURE FOR RESTORING THE  
17 RIGHT TO POSSESS A FIREARM TO A PERSON  
18 WHO WAS DECLARED MENTALLY INCOMPETENT OR  
19 WAS COMMITTED TO A MENTAL HEALTH  
20 TREATMENT FACILITY.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Council  
27 study.

28 (a)(1) The Legislative Council shall conduct a study to determine the  
29 propriety of and potential procedure for restoring the right to possess a  
30 firearm to a person who was adjudicated mentally incompetent or was  
31 voluntarily or involuntarily committed to a mental health treatment facility.

32 (2) The purpose of the study under this section is to examine:

33 (A) The propriety of restoring the right to possess a  
34 firearm to a person who was declared mentally incompetent or was voluntarily  
35 or involuntarily committed to a mental health facility in the past but whose  
36 mental health has since been restored; and

1                   (B) Whether current law, including Arkansas Code § 5-73-  
2 103, should be amended to permit the possession of a firearm by a person who  
3 experienced mental health issues in the past but later recovered.

4                   (3)(A) In order to achieve the purposes of the study as set  
5 forth in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, the Legislative Council, through  
6 the Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, shall  
7 study and consider without limitation the following:

8                   (i) Whether the current law prohibiting the  
9 possession of a firearm should be amended with regard to persons who were  
10 declared mentally incompetent or were committed to a mental health facility  
11 and are later recovered; and

12                   (ii) If it is determined that the current law should  
13 be amended to restore the right to possess a firearm to certain persons, the  
14 circumstances that would permit the restoration of the right to possess a  
15 firearm and the process that would be required to restore the right to  
16 possess a firearm.

17                   (B) If the subcommittee determines that current law should  
18 be amended, the subcommittee should recommend legislation incorporating the  
19 subcommittee's findings.

20                   (b) Any state entity with information concerning persons declared  
21 mentally incompetent or persons who have been voluntarily or involuntarily  
22 committed to a mental health facility shall fully cooperate in the conduct of  
23 the study by providing any relevant information, including without  
24 limitation:

25                   (1) The Department of Health; and

26                   (2) The Administrative Office of the Courts.

27                   (c) On or before December 1, 2026, the Legislative Council shall file  
28 with the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker  
29 of the House of Representatives a final report of the Legislative Council's  
30 activities, findings, and recommendations, including recommended legislation,  
31 related to the study and the study shall be complete upon filing of the final  
32 report.

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(7) **Hospital, ~~and~~ Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee.** To this subcommittee shall be referred all matters pertaining to:

(A) Hospitals;

(B) Medicaid;

(C) Incentives for the establishment of rural hospitals, clinics and other rural medical facilities;

(D) Incentives for physicians practicing in rural areas; ~~and~~

(E) Protection and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities and examination of the activities of the entities designated to carry out these duties in the state; and

(F) Any and all related matters;



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Insurance Broker Services

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## Section 1: Overview

### 1.1 Introduction / Purpose

The Bureau of Legislative Research (“BLR”) is seeking a qualified vendor (“the Awarded Vendor”) to provide comprehensive insurance brokerage services related to the placement and maintenance of commercial property insurance policies to cover all state-owned buildings, including public education facilities and higher education institutions. The total insured value of all buildings is estimated to exceed \$50 billion.

The purpose of this request for proposal (“RFP”) is to solicit proposals from experienced vendors specializing in the placement of commercial insurance property coverage to attach excess of the state’s retained losses. The Awarded Vendor may be required to take all steps necessary to place and otherwise maintain the insurance coverage.

Before the Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline detailed in Section 1.2 of the RFP, Calendar of Events, prospective vendors should submit to Perr&Knight a Notice of Intent to Respond (in the form of a simple e-mail). Such notice shall include the following information:

- The business or individual’s name (as appropriate);
- A contact person’s name and title; and
- The Contact person's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

*A Notice of Intent to Respond creates no obligation and is not a prerequisite for submitting a response. However, it is necessary to ensure receipt of any RFP amendments, responses to questions, or other notices and communications relating to the RFP.*

The Executive Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, a committee of the Arkansas General Assembly, (the "Executive Subcommittee") engaged the services of Perr & Knight to assist it with a study it is conducting concerning possible revision of the property insurance programs providing coverage to state-owned property, including education facilities owned by the state (both K-12 facilities and institutions of higher education). As the Subcommittee is working towards implementation of its recommendations, it is seeking a Vendor(s) to provide the services set forth in this Request for Proposals. The Bureau of Legislative Research is the staff agency for the Executive Subcommittee and will serve as the contracting entity with the successful respondent. The successful respondent may serve as the broker of record for the BLR and the Executive Subcommittee as it moves forward with exploration of possible revisions to the state's current property insurance programs.

### 1.2 Calendar of Events

Listed below are the important dates and times by which the actions are anticipated to be taken or completed:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	ACTIONS
12/20/2024		Release Request for Proposal
1/10/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	Last day for submission of written questions
1/17/2025		Answers to questions provided to vendors
1/22/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline
1/31/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	RFP Response Proposals Deadline
2/7/2025		Notify vendors advancing to demonstrations
2/14/2025		Release of demonstration Instructions

*Note: Above dates may be subject to change depending upon changes to project schedule.*

### 1.3 Contact Information

Questions related to this RFP, Notice of Intent to Respond, and RFP Response Proposals should be addressed to:

Kyle M. Hales, ACAS, MAAA  
Perr & Knight, Inc.  
Principal & Consulting Actuary  
Director | Risk Strategies & Solutions  
E-mail: [khailes@perrknight.com](mailto:khailes@perrknight.com)

### 1.4 Roles and Responsibilities

- *Perr&Knight* – Distribute and address questions related to RFP, review and score RFP responses in accordance with details outlined in Phase 2 of the evaluation process, as set forth in Section 2.7 of this RFP, and notify vendors who have advanced to Phase 3.
- *Executive Subcommittee* – Review and evaluate presentations from vendors advancing to Phase 3 and selection of Awarded Vendor.

## Section 2: RFP Response Instructions

### 2.1 Inquiries and Questions

Vendor(s) shall address all questions regarding this solicitation to the individual identified in Section 1.3, Contact Information. Questions shall be received no later than the time and date reflected in Section 1.2, Calendar of Events. E-mails or other written inquiries only are permitted. Attempts to contact members of the Executive Subcommittee directly or to lobby for preference will result in immediate disqualification. It is the responsibility of the vendor to confirm receipt of the questions. However, the Executive Subcommittee in its sole discretion reserves the right to answer any questions received after the deadline.

### 2.2 Submission of Proposal

The purpose of the response is for the vendor to demonstrate experience and expertise that best meets the project scope described in Section 3 of this RFP. The response should address all questions posed in the RFP that are relevant to the vendor's expertise.

The prospective vendor hereby certifies, by submission of a response to this RFP, acceptance of the requirements, terms, and conditions of this solicitation and all appendices and any addendum released hereto.

The vendor is to submit the proposal and any accompanying attachments to the contact email address listed in section 1.3.

**RESPONSES SHALL BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE AND TIME AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1.2, "CALENDAR OF EVENTS," OR THE BID WILL BE REJECTED AS NONRESPONSIVE.**

Proposals and documents pertaining to the RFP become the property of the BLR, and after release to the Executive Subcommittee, shall be open to public inspection pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, Arkansas Code § 25-19-101, *et seq.* It is the responsibility of the Vendor to identify all proprietary information by providing a redacted copy of the proposal, as discussed below, and to seal such information in a separate envelope or e-mail marked as confidential and proprietary.

If the proposal contains information that the Vendor considers confidential and proprietary, the Vendor shall submit one (1) complete electronic copy of the proposal from which any proprietary information has been removed, *i.e.*, a redacted copy. The redacted copy should reflect the same pagination as the original, show the empty space from which information was redacted, and be submitted on a CD, a flash drive, or in a separate e-mail. Except for the redacted information, the electronic copy must be identical to the original. The Vendor is responsible for ensuring the redacted copy on CD, flash drive, or submitted via e-mail is protected against restoration of redacted data. ***Submission of a redacted copy is at the discretion of the Vendor, but if no information is redacted, the entire proposal will be considered available as public information once published to the Subcommittee members.***

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## 2.3 Misrepresentation

All information provided and representations made by the vendor are material and important and will be relied upon by BLR in awarding the contract. Any intentional or negligent misstatement will be treated as a fraudulent inducement to award vendor the contract, and a fraudulent concealment from the Executive Subcommittee of the true facts relating to submission of the solicitation. A misrepresentation may be punishable under law. Furthermore, any misrepresentation will be immediate grounds for termination of any contract related to this RFP and said vendor will not be able to participate in future solicitations or other business opportunities with the Executive Subcommittee for the duration of this contract term, including any renewal period.

## 2.4 Insurance Requirements

The Executive Subcommittee will require the Awarded Vendor to provide a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed or authorized to provide insurance in the State of Arkansas. Each Certificate of Insurance shall indicate current insurance coverages meeting minimum requirements as specified below. A failure to provide a current Certificate of Insurance will be considered a material breach and grounds for contract termination.

- Professional Liability Errors & Omissions: \$1,000,000
- Umbrella: \$1,000,000
- General Liability: \$1,000,000
- Commercial Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000
- Cyber Liability: \$1,000,000

## 2.5 Corporate Change

If vendor, or any partners identified in proposal, are involved in or planning a change in control, sale, purchase, merger, or similar transaction (“Change”) that will in any way alter the vendor’s legal entity, structure, financial status or business operations, vendor shall include the following if applicable:

- A paragraph in Section 1 disclosing all current entities involved in the Change, when the Change is anticipated to take place, the surviving entity, and any information related to the Change that may affect the response; and
- In each section of the vendor’s proposal (All Sections), a separate paragraph that discusses whether the Change will alter, modify or otherwise affect the vendor’s Proposal.

If this is not applicable, vendor should include the following or similar statement in Section 1: “<Vendor Name> is not, nor are any partners identified in proposal, involved in or planning a change in control, sale, purchase, merger, or similar transaction that will in any way alter the <Vendor Name>’s legal entity, structure, financial status or business operations.”

## 2.6 Proposal Format and Contents

Each proposal submitted should provide the information and completed attachments requested in Section 3.2, Proposal Format.

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## 2.7 Evaluation Process

**Phase 1:** Vendor shall provide all required information as documented throughout this RFP. Perr&Knight will have sole discretion in determining if adequate materials have been provided to sufficiently satisfy requirements.

Only timely submitted responses shall be reviewed to determine if they comply with the required forms and documents submission requirements listed in the solicitation. Failure to meet any of these requirements may render a response non-responsive and result in rejection of the entire response.

**Phase 2:** Perr&Knight shall conduct a comprehensive and impartial review and evaluation of all RFP responses meeting the requirements of this solicitation. Using the evaluation criteria specified below, Perr&Knight shall evaluate and rank responses and select vendor(s) to proceed to the Demonstration Phase of this solicitation. Only selected vendor(s) who have been determined by Perr&Knight to offer the service(s) that meet the service and strategic requirements and who has shown ability to deliver services that meets the Executive Subcommittee’s needs will be eligible to advance and participate in the Demonstration Phase of this solicitation.

**Evaluation Criteria:** For the purpose of Phase 2 RFP review, evaluation, scoring and ranking, review categories have been divided into multiple sections. The following reflects the evaluation criteria and weighting associated with each:

ITEM NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1.	Submission of All Required Materials and Documents	Pass/Fail
2.	Features, Benefits, & Approach (Section 1)	20%
3.	Experience and Qualifications (Section 2)	35%
4.	References (Section 3)	15%
5.	Pricing (Section 4)	30%
	<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>100%</b>

Special consideration will be given to vendors with offices in Arkansas.

**Phase 3: Vendor Demonstrations.** Vendors advancing from this Phase 2 RFP will be invited to make a presentation to Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee showing their experience and expertise.

Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee reserve the right to seek clarifications and request any information deemed necessary for evaluation of responses. Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee reserve the right to require attendance by particular named representatives of the vendor during this solicitation process. Any written summary of presentations or demonstrations should include a list of attendees, a copy of the agenda, and copies of any visuals or handouts, and shall become part of the vendor’s response.

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## 2.8 Use of Partners and/or Subcontractors

If the vendor plans to use subcontractors for any portion of the services requested in this RFP, please provide details as to the specific use of subcontractors. The Executive Subcommittee reserves the right to reject the use of subcontractors for any portion of this RFP or resulting contract.



## Section 3: Project Scope

### 3.1 Scope of Services for the RFP

The following information is presented to provide an overview of the scope of services for which the Executive Subcommittee is searching:

- (1) Conduct a thorough review of the State’s current commercial property insurance program, helping to identify and evaluate potential gaps, risks, and opportunities for improved coverage.
- (2) Analyze the current commercial property insurance market to identify competitive and qualified insurers, including an evaluation of potential carriers’ financial strength, stability, and claims-paying ability.
- (3) Design a tailored insurance procurement strategy that aligns with the State’s budgetary and risk management goals and work with Perr&Knight to provide recommendations for coverage limits, retentions, and policy terms. Suggest ways to optimize cost savings while maintaining adequate coverage.
- (4) Procure bids from multiple insurance providers at various attachment points and retention options to build an appropriate commercial property insurance treaty tower.
- (5) Assist in analyzing insurer proposals, comparing coverage terms, premiums, and exclusions. Provide a detailed summary and recommendations for carrier selections. Conduct interviews or meetings with shortlisted insurers as needed.
- (6) Negotiate policy terms, premiums, and endorsements with selected insurers to secure the best terms and conditions. Ensure coverage aligns with the State’s risk management objectives and operational requirements. Manage all necessary paperwork for binding and placement of policies.
- (7) Disclosure of all fees, commissions, and compensation arrangements with insurers.
- (8) Vendor to provide details related to catastrophe modeling and commercial property market analysis & assessment services to be provided.

### 3.2 Proposal Format

This section prescribes the format in which the responses are to be submitted. There is no intent to limit the content of the responses. Additional information deemed appropriate by the vendor may be included and must be placed within the relevant section. Information submitted outside of the sections designated below will not be evaluated. The following paragraphs contain instructions that describe the required format for responses.

All responses should contain the sections outlined below. Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee are under no obligation to look for responsive information contained in incorrectly labeled sections. If responsive information is also contained in other sections, vendors should specifically reference the section and corresponding page number(s) that responsive information and documentation can be found.

Proposals should follow the format and order of presentation described below:

- Cover Letter
- Table of Contents

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- Section 1: Executive Summary
- Section 2: Experience and Qualifications
- Section 3: References
- Section 4: Pricing
- Section 5: Certifications and Disclosures

Proposals must be received no later than the date specified in Section 1.2, Calendar of Events, and should be submitted electronically to the contact provided in Section 1.3, Contact Information.

## **3.2.1 Cover Letter**

Vendor will provide a signed cover letter with a statement that the signer is authorized to bind the vendor into a contract with BLR.

## **3.2.2 Table of Contents**

Vendor will organize the content according to the instructions and in the same order provided in this Section 3.2 (i.e., table of contents, Section 1, Section 2, etc.) and identify each content section with a page number location.

## **3.2.3 Section 1: Executive Summary**

Vendor should submit an Executive Summary of their overall proposal under Section 1. This section will present a high-level synopsis of the vendor's response to the solicitation. The Executive Summary should be a brief overview of the engagement and should identify the main features and benefits of the proposed services. This section should exhibit the vendor's understanding and approach to the project. It should contain a summary of vendor's ability to perform the services described in the solicitation and confirm that vendor is willing to perform those services and enter into a contract with BLR.

## **3.2.4 Section 2: Experience and Qualifications**

Vendor will provide case studies or examples of similar projects, particularly those involving government and/or large property portfolios. Specifically,

Describe the history / experience / profile of the vendor, its management, and staff:

### **Vendor History**

- Please describe the experience that the vendor has, including number of years in business.
- Please provide additional details regarding commercial property insurance placed for similar government entities, including location of placements, approximate size, and structure. Please also list the number of years coverage has been placed for each client of the vendor.
- Please highlight all experience related to placement of commercial property insurance coverage.

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- Please provide a brief history of the vendor which outlines all prior structural / management / ownership changes.
- Please list all lawsuits or arbitrations/mediations filed against the vendor or any of its officers for the past 10 years. Please explain the circumstances, status and outcome of each.

### Management

- Please list all officers of the company, their location and longevity with the company
- Please provide bios and/or resumes for all listed officers
- Please list all Board of Director positions/Officer titles held by each listed officer for all affiliated/third party companies or organizations (whether private, public, charitable or non-profit)
- Please provide the ownership structure of vendor's organization (i.e., a breakdown of percentage owned by each shareholder/unit holder/member)

### Supervisors / Support Staff

- Please provide a listing of all staff members including number of years of insurance placement experience, and the number of years with your organization
- What is the employee turnover ratio for the past year in each of your offices?
- Please attach resumes for the insurance brokers who would be assigned to this account.
- Please provide job descriptions and experience requirements for all supervisors and support staff positions

### Governance and Risk Management

- Describe vendor's expertise in developing governance frameworks for commercial property insurance.
- Describe vendor's approach to assessing and managing risks specific to property insurance for public and educational facilities.

### Technology Utilization

- Describe the technology vendor uses to provide Catastrophe modeling for property insurance coverage.

### Performance Metrics

- Describe how vendor typically measures success and evaluates the financial and operational performance placing property insurance coverage.

### Innovation and Future Planning

- Describe how vendor plans to incorporate innovative practices (i.e., AI agents, chatbots, etc.) or adapt to industry trends.

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## Miscellaneous

- Provide examples of insurance solutions implemented for a similar client.
- Discuss any/all unique challenges working with public entities (and how they were resolved).
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### 3.2.5 Section 3: References

Vendor to provide contact information (company name, contact name, title, phone number, & email address) of at least three clients with similar engagements.

### 3.2.6 Section 4: Pricing

Vendor to provide details as to exactly how the vendor will be compensated and the level of compensation. Vendor will additionally outline any fees to be paid directly by the BLR and they understand that their bid represents a fixed fee not to be exceeded and includes all costs for services in this RFP.

### 3.2.7 Section 5: Certifications and Disclosures

- **EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

The Vendor shall certify prior to award of the contract that it does not employ or contract with any illegal immigrants in its contract with the Bureau of Legislative Research. Vendors shall certify on the Proposal Signature Page and online at <https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/disclosure/submit/new>.

Any subcontractors used by the Vendor at the time of the Vendor's certification shall also certify that they do not employ or contract with any illegal immigrant. Certification by the subcontractors shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after contract execution.

- **RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL**

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 25-1-503, a public entity shall not enter into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel. This prohibition does not apply to a company that offers to provide the goods or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest certifying business.

By checking the designated box on the Proposal Signature Page, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott Israel.

- **RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ENERGY, FOSSIL FUEL, FIREARMS, AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES**

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Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 25-1-1101, et seq., a public entity shall not enter into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries. The prohibition does not apply to a company that offers to provide the goods or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest certifying business.

By checking the designated box on the Proposal Signature Page, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott of energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries.

- **DISCLOSURE FORMS**

Completion of the EO-98-04 Governor's Executive Order contract disclosure forms located at:

<https://transform.ar.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/contgrantform.pdf>

is required as a condition of obtaining a contract with the Bureau of Legislative Research and shall be submitted with the Vendor's response.

- **AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ARKANSAS**

The Successful Vendor shall warrant that it is qualified to do business in the State of Arkansas and is in good standing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and shall file appropriate tax returns as provided by the laws of this State. documentation that the Vendor is authorized to do business in this State shall be submitted with the Vendor's response.

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## PROPOSAL SIGNATURE PAGE

Type or Print the following information:

### Prospective Contractor Contact Information

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation of Redacted Copy

- YES, a redacted copy of proposal documents is enclosed.
- NO, a redacted copy of submission documents is not enclosed. I understand a full copy of non-redacted submission documents will be released if requested.

*Note: If a redacted copy of the proposal documents is not provided with the Vendor's proposal, and neither box is checked a copy of the unredacted documents will be released in response to any request made under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).*

### Illegal Immigrant Confirmation

By signing and submitting a response to this RFP and by certifying online at <https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/disclosure/submit/new>, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not employ or contract with illegal immigrants. If selected, the Vendor certifies that they will not employ or contract with illegal immigrants during the aggregate term of the contract.

### Israel Boycott Restriction Confirmation

By checking the box below, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not boycott Israel, and if selected, will not boycott Israel during the aggregate term of the contract.

- Vendor does not and will not boycott Israel.

### Energy, Fossil Fuel, Firearms, and Ammunition Industries Boycott Restriction Confirmation

By checking the box below, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries, and if selected, will not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries during the aggregate term of the contract.

- Vendor does not and will not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries.

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***An official authorized to bind the Vendor to a resultant contract shall sign below.***

The Signature below signifies agreement that any exception that conflicts with the requirements of this RFP will cause the Vendor's proposal to be disqualified.

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed/Typed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Captive Management Services

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## Section 1: Overview

### 1.1 Introduction / Purpose

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The Executive Subcommittee is seeking qualified vendors ("the Vendor") to provide comprehensive management services for a captive insurance company ("the Captive") the state is considering forming, to be domiciled in Arkansas. The Executive Subcommittee, with the assistance of Perr & Knight and the selected vendor, will examine the feasibility of establishing a Captive and assigning its administration and oversight to an entity of the State of Arkansas through legislation to be considered during the 2025 legislative session. The Captive will self-insure a portion of the state's property insurance for all state-owned buildings, including public education facilities and higher education institutions. The total insured value of all buildings is estimated to exceed \$50 billion.

The purpose of this request for proposal ("RFP") is to solicit proposals from experienced vendors specializing in the management of captive insurance companies. The selected vendor will assist the Executive Subcommittee in the administration and management of the captive insurance company, ensuring compliance with applicable regulations, and optimizing the captive's financial and operational performance, during the period of time that any captive formed is under the authority of the Executive Subcommittee.

Before the Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline detailed in Section 1.2 of the RFP, Calendar of Events, prospective Vendors should submit to Perr&Knight a Notice of Intent to Respond (in the form of a simple e-mail). Such notice shall include the following information:

- The business or individual's name (as appropriate);
- A contact person's name and title; and
- The Contact person's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

*A Notice of Intent to Respond creates no obligation and is not a prerequisite for submitting a response. However, it is necessary to ensure receipt of any RFP amendments, responses to questions, or other notices and communications relating to the RFP.*

Neither the Executive Subcommittee nor BLR can guarantee nor does anything in this RFP or resulting contract guarantee that the successful respondent may serve as the ongoing management company for the captive upon transfer of the responsibilities of administration and

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management of the captive to another entity of the state. BLR has a separate contract with Perr&Knight for consulting services to assist in the formation of the captive and ongoing performance of actuarial services.

### **1.2 Calendar of Events**

Listed below are the important dates and times by which the actions are anticipated to be taken or completed:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
DATE	TIME	ACTIONS
12/20/2024		Release Request for Proposal
1/10/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	Last day for submission of written questions
1/17/2025		Answers to questions provided to Vendors
1/22/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline
1/31/2025	5:00:00 PM ET	RFP Response Proposals Deadline
2/7/2025		Notify Vendors advancing to demonstrations
2/14/2025		Release of demonstration Instructions

*Note: Above dates may be subject to change depending upon changes to project schedule.*

### 1.3 Contact Information

Questions related to this RFP, Notice of Intent to Respond, and RFP Response Proposals should be addressed to:

Kyle M. Hales, ACAS, MAAA  
Perr & Knight, Inc.  
Principal & Consulting Actuary  
Director | Risk Strategies & Solutions  
E-mail: [khales@perrknight.com](mailto:khales@perrknight.com)

### 1.4 Roles and Responsibilities

- *Perr&Knight* – Distribution and addressing of questions related to RFP, gathering and scoring RFP responses in accordance with details outlined in Phase 2 of the evaluation process, as set forth in Section 2.7 of this RFP, and notifying Vendors who have advanced to Phase 3.
- *Executive Subcommittee* – Review and evaluate presentations from Vendors advancing to Phase 3 and selection of awarded Vendor.

## Section 2: RFP Response Instructions

### 2.1 Inquiries and Questions

Vendor(s) shall address all questions regarding this solicitation to the individual identified in Section 1.3, Contact Information. Questions shall be received no later than the time and date reflected in Section 1.2, Calendar of Events. E-mails or other written inquiries only are permitted. Attempts to contact members of the Executive Subcommittee directly or to lobby for preference will result in immediate disqualification. It is the responsibility of the Vendor to confirm receipt of the questions. However, the Executive Subcommittee in its sole discretion reserves the right to answer any questions received after the deadline.

### 2.2 Submission of Proposal

The purpose of the response is for the Vendor to demonstrate experience and expertise that best meets the project scope described in Section 3 of this RFP. The response should address all questions posed in the RFP that are relevant to the Vendor's expertise.

The prospective Vendor hereby certifies, by submission of a response to this RFP, acceptance of the requirements, terms, and conditions of this solicitation and all appendices and any addendum released hereto.

The Vendor is to submit the proposal and any accompanying attachments to the contact email address listed in section 1.3.

**RESPONSES SHALL BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE AND TIME AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 1.2, "CALENDAR OF EVENTS," OR THE BID WILL BE REJECTED AS NONRESPONSIVE.**

Proposals and documents pertaining to the RFP become the property of the BLR, and after release to the Executive Subcommittee, shall be open to public inspection pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, Arkansas Code § 25-19-101, *et seq.* It is the responsibility of the Vendor to identify all proprietary information by providing a redacted copy of the proposal, as discussed below, and to seal such information in a separate envelope or e-mail marked as confidential and proprietary.

If the proposal contains information that the Vendor considers confidential and proprietary, the Vendor shall submit one (1) complete electronic copy of the proposal from which any proprietary information has been removed, *i.e.*, a redacted copy. The redacted copy should reflect the same pagination as the original, show the empty space from which information was redacted, and be submitted on a CD, a flash drive, or in a separate e-mail. Except for the redacted information, the electronic copy must be identical to the original. The Vendor is responsible for ensuring the redacted copy on CD, flash drive, or submitted via e-mail is protected against restoration of redacted data. ***Submission of a redacted copy is at the discretion of the Vendor, but if no information is redacted, the entire proposal will be considered available as public information once published to the Subcommittee members.***

## 2.3 Misrepresentation

All information provided and representations made by the Vendor are material and important and will be relied upon by BLR in awarding the contract. Any intentional or negligent misstatement will be treated as a fraudulent inducement to award Vendor the contract, and a fraudulent concealment from the Executive Subcommittee of the true facts relating to submission of the solicitation. A misrepresentation may be punishable under law. Furthermore, any misrepresentation will be immediate grounds for termination of any contract related to this RFP and said Vendor will not be able to participate in future solicitations or other business opportunities with the Executive Subcommittee for the duration of this contract term, including any renewal period.

## 2.4 Insurance Requirements

The Executive Subcommittee will require the awarded Vendor to provide a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed or authorized to provide insurance in the State of Arkansas. Each Certificate of Insurance shall indicate current insurance coverages meeting minimum requirements as specified below. A failure to provide a current Certificate of Insurance will be considered a material breach and grounds for contract termination.

- Professional Liability Errors & Omissions: \$1,000,000
- Umbrella: \$1,000,000
- General Liability: \$1,000,000
- Commercial Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000
- Cyber Liability: \$1,000,000

## 2.5 Corporate Change

If Vendor, or any partners identified in proposal, are involved in or planning a change in control, sale, purchase, merger, or similar transaction (“Change”) that will in any way alter the Vendor’s legal entity, structure, financial status or business operations, Vendor shall include the following if applicable:

- A paragraph in Section 1 disclosing all current entities involved in the Change, when the Change is anticipated to take place, the surviving entity, and any information related to the Change that may affect the response; and
- In each section of the Vendor’s Proposal (All Sections), a separate paragraph that discusses whether the Change will alter, modify or otherwise affect the Vendor’s Proposal.

If this is not applicable, Vendor should include the following or similar statement in Section 1: “<Vendor Name> is not, nor are any partners identified in proposal, involved in or planning a change in control, sale, purchase, merger, or similar transaction that will in any way alter the <Vendor Name>’s legal entity, structure, financial status or business operations.”

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## 2.6 Proposal Format and Contents

Each proposal submitted should provide the information and completed attachments requested in Section 3.2, Proposal Format.

## 2.7 Evaluation Process

**Phase 1:** Vendor shall provide all required information as documented throughout this RFP. Perr&Knight will have sole discretion in determining if adequate materials have been provided to sufficiently satisfy requirements.

Only timely submitted responses shall be reviewed to determine if they comply with the required forms and documents submission requirements listed in the solicitation. Failure to meet any of these requirements may render a response non-responsive and result in rejection of the entire response.

**Phase 2:** Perr&Knight shall conduct a comprehensive and impartial review and evaluation of all RFP responses meeting the requirements of this solicitation. Using the evaluation criteria specified below, Perr&Knight shall evaluate and rank responses and select Vendor(s) to proceed to the Demonstration Phase of this solicitation with the selected Vendor(s). Only selected Vendor(s) who have been determined by Perr&Knight to offer the service(s) that meet the service and strategic requirements and who has shown ability to deliver services that meets the Executive Subcommittee’s needs will be eligible to advance and participate in the Demonstration Phase of this solicitation.

**Evaluation Criteria:** For the purpose of Phase 2 RFP review, evaluation, scoring and ranking, review categories have been divided into multiple sections. The following reflects the evaluation criteria and weighting associated with each:

ITEM NO.	EVALUATION CRITERIA	WEIGHT
1.	Submission of All Required Materials and Documents	Pass/Fail
2.	Features, Benefits, & Approach (Section 1)	20%
3.	Experience and Qualifications (Section 2)	35%
4.	References (Section 3)	15%
5.	Pricing (Section 4)	30%
	<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>100%</b>

Special consideration will be given to vendors with offices in Arkansas.

**Phase 3: Vendor Demonstrations.** Vendors advancing from this Phase 2 RFP will be invited to make a presentation to Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee showing their experience and expertise.

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Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee reserves the right to seek clarifications and request any information deemed necessary for evaluation of responses. Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee reserve the right to require attendance by particular named representatives of the Vendor during this solicitation process. Any written summary of presentations or demonstrations should include a list of attendees, a copy of the agenda, and copies of any visuals or handouts, and shall become part of the Vendor's response.

### **2.8 Use of Partners and/or Subcontractors**

If Vendor plans to use subcontractors for any portion of the services requested in this RFP, please provide details as to the specific use of subcontractors. The Executive Subcommittee reserves the right to reject the use of subcontractors for any portion of this RFP or resulting contract.



## Section 3: Project Scope

### 3.1 Scope of Services for the RFP

The following information is presented to provide an overview of the scope of services for which the Executive Subcommittee is searching.

- (1) Prepare and file statutory financial statements with the regulatory authorities in the domicile jurisdiction.
- (2) Assist with preparing tax returns and ensuring compliance with relevant tax laws in the state of Arkansas.
- (3) Ensure the captive maintains its license and adheres to all regulatory requirements in Arkansas, including timely submission of required documentation and reports.
- (4) Monitor changes in regulatory environments and ensure the captive complies with updated rules, including solvency requirements and financial regulations.
- (5) Maintain accurate books of accounts, prepare financial statements, and ensure the captive's financial health.
- (6) Direct the efforts of industry service providers (e.g. attorneys, reinsurance brokers, investment managers, and claims administrators).
- (7) Coordinate with external auditors to prepare for and manage annual audits as required by regulatory authorities.
- (8) Manage the invoicing and collection of premiums from the state.
- (9) Manage loss and expense reserves, ensuring adequate funding for potential liabilities and appropriate payment of claims.

### 3.2 Proposal Format

This section prescribes the format in which the responses are to be submitted. There is no intent to limit the content of the responses. Additional information deemed appropriate by the Vendor may be included and must be placed within the relevant section. Information submitted outside of the sections designated below will not be evaluated. The following paragraphs contain instructions that describe the required format for responses.

All responses should contain the sections outlined below. Perr&Knight and the Executive Subcommittee are under no obligation to look for responsive information contained in incorrectly labeled sections. If responsive information is also contained in other sections, Vendors should specifically reference the section and corresponding page number(s) that responsive information and documentation can be found.

Proposals should follow the format and order of presentation described below:

- Cover Letter
- Table of Contents
- Section 1: Executive Summary
- Section 2: Experience and Qualifications
- Section 3: References
- Section 4: Pricing
- Section 5: Certifications and Disclosures

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Proposals must be received no later than the date specified in Section 1.2, Calendar of Events, and should be submitted electronically to the contact provided in Section 1.3, Contact Information.

### 3.2.1 Cover Letter

Vendor will provide a signed cover letter with a statement that the signer is authorized to bind the Vendor into a contract with BLR.

### 3.2.2 Table of Contents

Vendor will organize the content according to the instructions and in the same order provided in this Section 3.2 (i.e., table of contents, Section 1, Section 2, etc.) and identify each content section with a page number location.

### 3.2.3 Section 1: Executive Summary

Vendor should submit an Executive Summary of their overall proposal under Section 1. This section will present a high-level synopsis of the Vendor's response to the solicitation. The Executive Summary should be a brief overview of the engagement and should identify the main features and benefits of the proposed services. This section should exhibit the Vendor's understanding and approach to the project. It should contain a summary of Vendor's ability to perform the services described in the solicitation and confirm that Vendor is willing to perform those services and enter into a contract with BLR.

### 3.2.4 Section 2: Experience and Qualifications

Vendor will provide case studies or examples of similar projects, particularly those involving government and/or large property portfolios. Specifically,

Describe the history / experience / profile of the Vendor, its management, and staff:

#### Vendor History

- Please describe the experience that the Vendor has, including number of years in business, and total number of and types of captives currently under management.
- Please provide additional details regarding captives managed for similar government entities, including state of domicile, approximate size, structure, and coverages offered by the captive. Please also list the number of years each captive has been managed by the Vendor.
- Please highlight all experience related to management of captives providing commercial property insurance coverage.
- Please provide a brief history of the Vendor which outlines all prior structural / management / ownership changes

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- Please list all lawsuits or arbitrations/mediations filed against the Vendor or any of its officers for the past 10 years. Please explain the circumstances, status and outcome of each

### Management

- Please list all officers of the company, their location and longevity with the company
- Please provide bios and/or resumes for all listed officers
- Full nationwide criminal/civil/credit background checks should be completed for all listed officers and all others who are authorized to request checks, approve check requests, or otherwise have the ability to disburse funds from the Captive's accounts. Please provide a list of all affected individuals and copies of the completed background checks
- Please list all Board of Director positions/Officer titles held by each listed officer for all affiliated/third party companies or organizations (whether private, public, charitable or non-profit)
- Please provide the ownership structure of Vendor's organization (i.e., a breakdown of percentage owned by each shareholder/unit holder/member)

### Supervisors / Support Staff

- Please provide a listing of all staff members including number of years of captive management experience, and the number of years with your organization
- What is the employee turnover ratio for the past year in each of your offices?
- Please attach resumes for the captive managers, accountants, and bookkeepers.
- Please provide job descriptions and experience requirements for all supervisors, accountants, bookkeepers, and support staff positions

### Governance and Risk Management

- Describe Vendor's expertise in developing governance frameworks for captives.
- Describe Vendor's approach to assessing and managing risks specific to property insurance for public and educational facilities.

### Technology Utilization

- Describe the technology Vendor uses to manage captives, including systems for financial reporting, claims management, or regulatory compliance tracking.

### Performance Metrics

- Describe how Vendor typically measures success and evaluates the financial and operational performance of captives under management.

### Regulatory Updates

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- Describe Vendor’s process for monitoring and implementing regulatory changes that could impact a captive's operations.

### **Innovation and Future Planning**

- Describe how Vendor plans to incorporate innovative practices (i.e., AI agents, chatbots, etc.) or adapt to industry trends.

### **3.2.5 Section 3: References**

Vendor to provide contact information (company name, contact name, title, phone number, & email address) of at least three clients with similar engagements.

### **3.2.6 Section 4: Pricing**

Vendor to provide a breakdown of fees for the requested services for calendar year 2025. Vendor understands that their bid represents a fixed fee not to be exceeded and includes all costs for services in this RFP.

### **3.2.7 Section 5: Certifications and Disclosures**

- **EMPLOYMENT OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**

The Vendor shall certify prior to award of the contract that it does not employ or contract with any illegal immigrants in its contract with the Bureau of Legislative Research. Vendors shall certify on the Proposal Signature Page and online at <https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/disclosure/submit/new>.

Any subcontractors used by the Vendor at the time of the Vendor’s certification shall also certify that they do not employ or contract with any illegal immigrant. Certification by the subcontractors shall be submitted within thirty (30) days after contract execution.

- **RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL**

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 25-1-503, a public entity shall not enter into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract not to engage in, a boycott of Israel. This prohibition does not apply to a company that offers to provide the goods or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest certifying business.

By checking the designated box on the Proposal Signature Page, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott Israel.

- **RESTRICTION OF BOYCOTT OF ENERGY, FOSSIL FUEL, FIREARMS, AND AMMUNITION INDUSTRIES**

Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 25-1-1101, et seq., a public entity shall not enter into a contract with a company unless the contract includes a written certification that the person or company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the

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contract not to engage in, a boycott of energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries. The prohibition does not apply to a company that offers to provide the goods or services for at least twenty percent (20%) less than the lowest certifying business.

By checking the designated box on the Proposal Signature Page, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott of energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries.

- **DISCLOSURE FORMS**

Completion of the EO-98-04 Governor’s Executive Order contract disclosure forms located at

<https://transform.ar.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/contgrantform.pdf>

is required as a condition of obtaining a contract with the Bureau of Legislative Research and shall be submitted with the Vendor’s response.

- **AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT BUSINESS IN ARKANSAS**

The Successful Vendor shall warrant that it is qualified to do business in the State of Arkansas and is in good standing under the laws of the State of Arkansas, and shall file appropriate tax returns as provided by the laws of this State. documentation that the Vendor is authorized to do business in this State shall be submitted with the Vendor's response.

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## PROPOSAL SIGNATURE PAGE

Type or Print the following information:

### Prospective Contractor Contact Information

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Confirmation of Redacted Copy

- YES, a redacted copy of proposal documents is enclosed.
- NO, a redacted copy of submission documents is not enclosed. I understand a full copy of non-redacted submission documents will be released if requested.

*Note: If a redacted copy of the proposal documents is not provided with the Vendor's proposal, and neither box is checked a copy of the unredacted documents will be released in response to any request made under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).*

### Illegal Immigrant Confirmation

By signing and submitting a response to this RFP and by certifying online at <https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/disclosure/submit/new>, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not employ or contract with illegal immigrants. If selected, the Vendor certifies that they will not employ or contract with illegal immigrants during the aggregate term of the contract.

### Israel Boycott Restriction Confirmation

By checking the box below, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not boycott Israel, and if selected, will not boycott Israel during the aggregate term of the contract.

- Vendor does not and will not boycott Israel.

### Energy, Fossil Fuel, Firearms, and Ammunition Industries Boycott Restriction Confirmation

By checking the box below, the Vendor agrees and certifies that they do not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries, and if selected, will not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries during the aggregate term of the contract.

- Vendor does not and will not boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, or ammunition industries.

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*An official authorized to bind the Vendor to a resultant contract shall sign below.*

The Signature below signifies agreement that any exception that conflicts with the requirements of this RFP will cause the Vendor's proposal to be disqualified.

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed/Typed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_