REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

November 20, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on Thursday, November 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Room A, MAC.

A. The Subcommittee filed the Quarterly Reports on Administrative Directives pursuant to Act 1258 of 2015, for the quarter ending September 30, 2026, submitted by the following agencies:

1. Department of Corrections

2. Post-Prison Transfer Board

B. The Subcommittee reviewed and approved the following rules filed pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309:

1. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

a. Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Rules, Retirement and Benefits, 24 CAR § 10-601 et seq.

2. Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Forestry Commission

a. Rules of the Arkansas Forestry Commission for Registration of Foresters, 17 CAR pt. 20

3. Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission

a. Oversight of Retail Water, Wastewater, and Sewer Providers, 14 CAR pt. 2

b. Water Authorities, 4 CAR pt. 1

4. Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board

a. Official Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas, 2 CAR pt. 34

b. Arkansas Feed Rules, 2 CAR pt. 25

c. Fertilizer Rules, 2 CAR pt. 26

5. Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission

a. Arkansas Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Matching Grant Program, 15 CAR pt. 141

6. Department of Education, Division of Higher Education

a. Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program Rules, 6 CAR pt. 396

b. Rules Governing the Arkansas Future Grant Program, 6 CAR pt. 400

c. Arkansas Direct Admissions Program, 6 CAR pt. 376

d. Arkansas Heroes Scholarship, 6 CAR pt. 409

e. Rules Governing the Military Dependents' Scholarship Program, 6 CAR pt. 393

7. Department of Finance and Administration, Arkansas Racing Commission

a. Rules Governing Horse Racing in Arkansas, 23 CAR § 357-401. Jockeys

8. Department of Health

a. Rules Pertaining to General Sanitation, 20 CAR pt. 131

b. Rules for the State Kidney Disease Program, 20 CAR pt. 260

c. Rules for Freestanding Birthing Centers in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 44

d. Rules for Conducting Criminal History Record Checks for Home Health, Hospice, and Private Care Agencies in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 42

e. Rules for In Vitro Fertilization, 20 CAR pt. 48

f. Public Access to Epinephrine, 20 CAR pt. 201

g. Arkansas Rules for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices, 5 CAR pt. 21

h. Rules for Food Establishments (Concerning 20 CAR pts. 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197)

C. Prior to the meeting, the following rule was pulled from the agenda at the request of the agency:

1. Arkansas Department of Transportation, State Highway Commission

a. Utility Accommodation Rules, 27 CAR pt. 91

D. Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021, the Subcommittee received agency updates on outstanding rulemaking relating to legislation from the 2023 Regular Session and the 2025 Regular Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Matthew J. Shepherd, Co-Chair

Senator Tyler Dees, Co-Chair