

MEMORANDUM

To: Bureau of Legislative Research

From: Samantha Blassingame, Chief Counsel

Re: Act 595 Report Date: November 5, 2025

This Memorandum serves as the required <u>Monthly Written Report on Rules Updates</u> <u>Needed Due to 2025 Enactments</u> for the Department of Inspector General and its agencies.

<u>Department of Inspector General</u>: Act 473 of 2025 (The Research and Protection Act of 2025) requires the department to adopt rules to administer Ark. Code Ann. § 6-60-1609(f). At this time, the Department is working to determine whether it will promulgate rules or seek an exemption because rules are unnecessary for administration or would merely restate the law as written. The Department's internal assessment resulted in a determination that it believes rules are unnecessary at this time. The Department is seeking input from stakeholders before finalizing its position and submitting a request for exception to the Legislature.

Office of Internal Audit: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Office of Internal Audit.

<u>Fair Housing Commission</u>: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Fair Housing Commission.

Office of Medicaid Inspector General: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

<u>Tax Appeals Commission</u>: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Tax Appeals Commission.