

AGENDA
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, March 19, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

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

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

A. Call to Order

B. Rules Filed Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309

1. Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board

- a. REPEAL Rules on Catfish Processors in Arkansas, 2 CAR pt. 23

2. Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations

- a. Continuity of Coverage (20 CAR pts. 500, 571)

3. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services

- a. Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Model (20 CAR pts. 570, 624)
b. Medication Assisted Treatment Attestation of Coverage (20 CAR pt. 570)

4. Department of Labor and Licensing

- a. Review of Plan Review Disputes by Department of Labor and Licensing, 14 CAR pt. 40

5. Department of Labor and Licensing, Contractors Licensing Board

- a. Rules for the Contractors Licensing Board, 17 CAR pt. 255
b. Rules of the Residential Contractors Committee, 17 CAR pt. 295

6. Department of Labor and Licensing, HVACR Licensing Board

- a. Rules Pertaining to the Licensing of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors, 17 CAR pt. 261

C. Agency Request to Be Excluded from Reporting Requirements of Act 595 of 2021

1. Department of Inspector General (Act 473 of 2025)

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us.

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D. Evaluation of Rule Review Group 3 Agencies Pursuant to Act 781 of 2017 and Act 65 of 2021

1. Department of Education, Arkansas State Library

E. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2023 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021

1. Department of Corrections, Secretary of Corrections

Rules Outstanding as of March 1, 2026, as Reported and Updated by the Agency

- Visitation (Act 659, § 112 of 2023)
 - This rule will be promulgated by the Secretary of Corrections. The rule has been reviewed and approved by the Secretary and the executive. On December 19, 2025, the rule received final approval from the Board of Corrections to be set for public comment. The proposed rule is currently in the public comment period and is expected to be ready for review at the ALC Rules committee's April meeting.

2. Department of Education

Rules Outstanding as of March 1, 2026, as Reported and Updated by the Agency

Arkansas State Library

- Rules Governing the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries (Act 566, § 11 of 2023)
 - Rulemaking regarding Act 566 of 2023 was temporarily suspended due to the passage of Act 903 of 2025. Rulemaking will resume now that a new slate of library board members has been appointed.

Division of Career and Technical Education

- Rules Governing the Approval of Computer Science-Related Career and Technical Education Courses (Act 654, § 4 of 2023)
 - This rule has been redrafted in compliance with the Code of Arkansas Rules. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Rules Governing School District Waivers (Act 347, § 1 of 2023)
 - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 304 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.
- Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654, §§ 2, 4 of 2023)
 - This rule was approved by the State Board of Education to be released for public comment; however, the agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 341 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.

State Board of Education

- Rules Governing the Course Choice Program (Act 237, § 20 of 2023)
 - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 730 of 2025. The

rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.

- Rules Governing Public Charter Schools (Act 237, § 49 of 2023)
 - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 800 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.

Division of Higher Education

- Rules Governing Universal Academic Credit (Act 237, § 54 of 2023)
 - The agency is redrafting this rule due to the enactment of Act 341 of 2025. The rule will be a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the final rule will be submitted to ALC for review in May.

F. Agency Monthly Written Updates Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021 Concerning Rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session

G. Adjournment