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Re: Report on the Status of Rules

Mrs. Miller-Rice,

Please see the enclosed report by the Arkansas Department of Education to satisfy the reporting requirement under A.C.A. § 25-15-216(b)(3)(a).

Sincerely,

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Chief of Staff

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Administrative Rule Progress Report
March 1, 2026

Department of Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
472	1	New	Rules for the Administration of the Robotics Competition Grant Program	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
501, 729 - 340/341	10 - 49	6 CAR pt. 34	Arkansas Military Child School Transitions	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
613	3	New	Out-Of-School Time Program Grants	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
920	4	6 CAR pt. 35	Rule Governing the Arkansas Children's Education Freedom Account Program	The State Board of Education released this rule for public comment on 11/13/2025. The public comment period closed on December 16, 2025. These rules will proceed with a second round of public comment.
122 - 340/341	3 - 9, 12, 48	6 CAR pt. 35	Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and Public School Districts	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
119	1	6 CAR pt. 10	Public School Policies Relating to Overnight Travel and Use of Public School Lavatories	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
809	6	6 CAR pt. 195	The School Worker Defense Program and the School Worker	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

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Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
340/341	46	New	Two-Year Postsecondary Education	The agency is in the review phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	51	6 CAR pt. 364	State Board of Private Career Education Rules	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341 - 429	86	6 CAR pt. 403	Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program	This rule is released for a public comment period ending on March 30, 2025.

Division of Higher Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
340/341	55	New	The Non-Credit Funding Formula	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 360	Productivity Funding Distribution Policy	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 361	Productivity Funding Model - Universities	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 362	Productivity Funding Model – Two Year Colleges	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	91	New	The ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	79	New	Arkansas Heroes Scholarship	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	48	New	Direct Admissions Program	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
116	9- 17	New	Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Teacher	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.

			Scholarship Program	
340/341	69-71	6 CAR pt. 401	Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	57	New	Common Course Numbering	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	79	6 CAR pt. 405	Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	63	New	Residency Classification for State-funded Scholarships	This rule is released for a public comment period ending on March 30, 2025.
340/341 566	52-54 7	New	Statewide Transfer Agreement	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341	77-78	6 CAR pt. 406	Teacher Academy Scholarship Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	80-83	6 CAR pt. 391	Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship	This rule is released for a public comment period ending on March 30, 2025.
340/341	74-76	6 CAR pt. 400	Arkansas Future Grant Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	64-68	6 CAR pt. 398	Teacher Opportunity Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
340/341	5	New	Uniform Credit for Institutions of Higher Education	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.

State Board of Education

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
340/341	11	6 CAR pt. 96	Grading and Course Credit	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
730	2	New	The Course Choice Program	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
800	9	6 CAR pt. 31	Charter Schools	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
303	1	6 CAR pt. 191	The Arkansas Teacher of the Year Program	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

476	1	6 CAR pt. 238	Ethical Guidelines and Prohibitions for Educational Administrators, Employees, Board Members, and Other Parties	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
197	1	6 CAR pt. 238	Background Checks	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
865	1	New	Minimum Licensing Rules for Childcare Facilities	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
304	1	6 CAR pt. 180	Educator Licensure	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
808	1	6 CAR pt. 181	Educator Performance	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
911	1	6 CAR pt. 272	Student Special Needs Funding	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
304 - 809 - 917	1	6 CAR pt. 192	The Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
504	3	6 CAR pt. 100	The Arkansas Better Chance Program	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
195	5	6 CAR pt. 282	Tutoring Grants	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
196	1	6 CAR pt. 373	The Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation

<u>Act</u>	<u>§</u>	<u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u>	<u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . .	<u>Status</u>
809	7	6 CAR pt. 373	The Academic Facilities Partnership Program	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.
779	9	6 CAR pt. 324	Property Insurance Requirements	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.

Completed Rules:

- Rule Governing Student Discipline – 6 CAR pt. 234
- Rule Governing the Arkansas Adult Diploma Program – 6 CAR pt. 301
- The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program – Repeal
- The Law Enforcement Officer’s Dependents Scholarship Program – Repeal