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

Department of Education

Act	§	New/ Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
472	1	New	Rules for the Administration of the Robotics Competition Grant Program	This rule has been drafted and the State Board of Education will consider releasing this rule for public comment in its November 12, 2026 meeting

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Act	§	New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
501, 729 - 340/341	10 - 49	6 CAR pt. 34	Arkansas Military Child School Transitions	This rule has been drafted and the State Board of Education will consider releasing this rule for public comment in its November 12, 2026 meeting
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.
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.
809	6	6 CAR pt. 195	The School Worker Defense Program and the School Worker Defense Program Advisory Board	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Act	§	New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
340/341	46	New	Two-Year Postsecondary Education	The agency is in the review and drafting 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.

Division of Higher Education

Act	§	New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
340/341	55	New	The Non-Credit Funding Formula	This rule has been released by the HECB for a public comment period which ends on November 24, 2026.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 360	Productivity Funding Distribution Policy	This rule has been released by the HECB for a public comment period which ends on November 24, 2026.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 361	Productivity Funding Model - Universities	This rule has been released by the HECB for a public comment period which ends on November 24, 2026.
340/341	55	6 CAR pt. 362	Productivity Funding Model – Two Year Colleges	This rule has been released by the HECB for a public comment period which ends on November 24, 2026.
340/341	79	New	Arkansas Heroes Scholarship	This rule was given final approval on September 22nd and has been filed for review by ALC in November.
340/341	48	New	Direct Admissions Program	This rule was given final approval on September 22nd and has been filed for review by ALC in November.
116	9-17	New	Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program	The public comment period for this rule ended on August 26, 2026.
340/341	69-71	6 CAR pt. 401	Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program	The public comment period for this rule ended on August 26, 2026.
340/341	57	New	Common Course Numbering	The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule.
340/341 566	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	74-76	6 CAR pt. 400	Arkansas Future Grant Program	This rule was given final approval on September 22nd and has been filed for review by ALC in November.

State Board of Education

Act	§	New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
340/341	11	6 CAR pt. 96	Grading and Course Credit	This rule has completed a third round of public comments and will be considered for final approval on the November 12, 2026 meeting of the State Board of Education.
800	9	6 CAR pt. 31	Charter Schools	This rule has been drafted and the State Board of Education will consider releasing this rule for public comment in its November 12, 2026 meeting
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	This rule was given final approval on September 10th and has been filed for review by ALC in November.
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	This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval.

Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation

Act	§	New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal	Rule Title Rules governing . . .	Status
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 the Arkansas Adult Diploma Program – 6 CAR pt. 301
- Rule Governing the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program – Repeal
- Rule Governing the Law Enforcement Officer's Dependents Scholarship Program – Repeal
- Rule Governing Student Discipline – 6 CAR pt. 234
- Rule Governing Maternity Leave Cost Sharing – 6 CAR pt. 193
- Rule Governing the Arkansas Children's Education Freedom Account Program - 6 CAR pt. 35
- Rule Governing the ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program – NEW
- Rule Governing the Residency Classification for State-funded Scholarships – NEW
- Rule Governing the Teacher Academy Scholarship Program - 6 CAR pt. 406
- Rule Governing the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship - 6 CAR pt. 391
- Rule Governing the Teacher Opportunity Program - 6 CAR pt. 398
- Rule Governing the Uniform Credit for Institutions of Higher Education – NEW
- Rule Governing the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program - 6 CAR pt. 403
- Rule Governing the Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board - 6 CAR pt. 373

- Public School Policies Relating to Overnight Travel and Use of Public School Lavatories - 6 CAR pt. 10
- The Course Choice Program – New
- Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program - 6 CAR pt. 405