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REVISED AGENDA
Administrative Rules Subcommittee
of the
Arkansas Legislative Council

Thursday, September 17, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Tyler Dees, Co-Chair
Sen. Kim Hammer, Vice-Chair
Sen. Missy Irvin
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Terry Rice
Sen. Blake Johnson
Sen. Breanne Davis
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, Arkansas Board of Animal Health (Andrew Fidler, Matthew Ford)**
 - a. Exhibition Health Requirements for Livestock, Poultry, and Exotic Animals, Out-of-state swine, 2 CAR § 194-103 (p.1)
- 2. Department of Education, Division of Higher Education (Courtney Salas-Ford, Daniel Shults)**
 - a. Rules Governing the Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program, 6 CAR pt. 405 (p.2)
- 3. Department of Health (Craig Smith, items a-f; Christine Kresse, item a; Paula Day, items b-f)**
 - a. Rules for Emergency Medical Services, 20 CAR pt. 81 (p.3)
 - b. Rules for Hospitals and Related Institutions in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 41 (p.4)
 - c. Rules for Critical Access Hospitals in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 43 (p.5)
 - d. Rules for Private Care Agencies in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 49 (p.6)
 - e. Rules for Home Health Agencies in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 46 (p.6)
 - f. Rules for Hospice in Arkansas, 20 CAR pt. 47 (p.7)

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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4. **Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services (Elizabeth Pitman)**
 - a. Signature Authority for Diabetic Shoes and Shoe Inserts (Concerning 20 CAR pt. 641) (p.8)
5. **Department of Public Safety, Division of Arkansas State Police (Eric Wacaster)**
 - a. Rules for Licensing and Regulation of Private Investigators, Private Security Agencies, Alarm Systems Companies, Polygraph Examiners, and Voice Stress Analysis Examiners, 17 CAR pt. 350 (p.9)

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

1. Department of Education (Courtney Salas-Ford)

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

Arkansas State Library

- Rules Governing the Standards for State Aid to Public Libraries (Act 566 of 2023, § 11)
 - Rulemaking regarding Act 566 of 2023 was temporarily suspended due to the passage of Act 903 of 2025. The rule was considered by the board in its August 14, 2026 meeting and released for a second round of public comment.

Division of Career and Technical Education

- Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654 of 2023, § 4)
 - This rule is in its second round of public comments, which will end on September 2, 2026.

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Rules Governing School District Waivers (Act 347 of 2023, § 1)
 - The agency has redrafted this rule due to the enactment of Act 304 of 2025. The rule is a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the rule will be released for public comment in October.
- Rules Governing Grading and Course Credit (Act 654 of 2023, §§ 2, 4)
 - This rule is in its second round of public comments which will end on September 2, 2026.

State Board of Education

- Rules Governing Public Charter Schools (Act 237 of 2023, § 49)
 - The agency has redrafted this rule due to the enactment of Act 800 of 2025. The rule is a top priority for the current round of rulemaking. It is anticipated that the rule will be released for public comment in October.

D. Agency Updates on the Status of Outstanding Rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021

- 1. Arkansas Department of Transportation**
- 2. Arkansas Ethics Commission**
- 3. Arkansas Public Service Commission**
- 4. Department of Agriculture**
- 5. Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission**
- 6. Department of Commerce, State Insurance Department**
- 7. Department of Corrections**
- 8. Department of Education**
- 9. Department of Energy and Environment**
- 10. Department of Finance and Administration**
- 11. Department of Health**
- 12. Department of Human Services**
- 13. Department of Labor and Licensing**
- 14. Department of Public Safety**
- 15. State Board of Finance**

E. Adjournment