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Senator Ben Gilmore
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315 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

Arkansas Code § 1-2-303(f) requires the Code Revisor to provide a report to the Legislative Council identifying which uncodified acts and uncodified parts of acts are to be cumulatively indexed as local acts, special acts, or temporary acts.

Please find attached to this letter the report mentioned above for the 2025 Regular Session. Thank you, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Koon".

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Report to Legislative Council on Acts or Parts of Acts from the 2025 Regular Session to be Indexed as Local, Special, or Temporary Acts

Arkansas Code § 1-2-303(f) requires the Code Revisor to provide a report to the Legislative Council identifying which acts and parts of acts are to be cumulatively indexed as local acts, special acts, or temporary acts. The following is the list of acts or parts of acts from the 2025 Regular Session that are to be cumulatively indexed as local, special, or temporary acts:

1. Act No. 11, § 1: Separates offices of sheriff and tax collector in Searcy County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Searcy County, separates the offices of sheriff and tax collector into two (2) offices.

2. Act No. 12, § 1: Separates offices of sheriff and tax collector in Poinsett County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Poinsett County, separates the offices of sheriff and tax collector into two (2) offices.

3. Act No. 49, § 1: Certain claims by minors for sexual abuse

This act authorizes the commencement of a claim, at any time, for an injury caused by child sexual abuse if: (1) the victim was under eighteen (18) years of age at the time the right to bring a claim accrued; (2) the injury arose from the violation of a criminal sex offense that existed at the time the injury occurred; (3) a civil action based on the conduct that is the subject of the claim is barred by the expiration of the statute of limitations; (4) the claim for injury is the basis for making or maintaining a claim in a bankruptcy proceeding initiated by a congressionally chartered organization on February 18, 2020; and (5) the claim is against an entity seeking or provided protection under a plan of reorganization in the bankruptcy proceeding. This section applies retroactively to all claims based on violations of criminal sex offenses and expires on December 31, 2026.

4. Act No. 111, § 2: Legislative Auditor to develop uniform chart of accounts

This act requires the Legislative Auditor to develop a process for phasing in the use of the uniform chart of accounts under § 14-59-120. This must occur no later than thirty-six months after this act goes into effect. The act is effective August 5, 2025, making the thirty-six-month deadline November 5, 2025.

5. Act No. 145, § 1: Legislative study of the state's workforce and social services reform

This act requires the Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee of the Legislative Council to meet to conduct a study related to the reform of the state's workforce and social services. The purpose of the study is to analyze issues of the state's workforce and social services to consider related legislation that may be necessary, including: (1) evaluating state models for integrating workforce, social services, childcare, and healthcare programs; (2) alternative approaches to achieve improved outcomes; (3) performance outcomes of various workforce programs; (4) creating an asset map that incorporates office locations, case management systems, and customer intake and eligibility procedures for services studied under this program; and (5) any legislation that may be necessary to address issues identified under

this study. The subcommittee may form work groups and consider input from experts. The subcommittee is required to file a report with the Legislative Council of the findings, activities, and recommendations of the study on or before October 1, 2026. The study expires on December 31, 2026.

6. Act No. 160, § 1: Separates offices of sheriff and tax collector in Montgomery County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Montgomery County, separates the offices of sheriff and tax collector into two (2) offices.

7. Act No. 449, § 2: 2030 Arkansas Complete Count Committee

This act authorizes the creation of the 2030 Arkansas Complete Count Committee, consisting of thirty (30) members serving without pay. The Governor will designate a member of the committee as chair. The responsibilities of the committee will be to: (1) assist agencies to obtain the most complete population count for the 2030 Census; (2) form strategies to increase the response rate in the 2030 Census; (3) analyze causes of the undercount in the 2020 Census; (4) request input from nonprofit entities on how the state can partner with the private sector for census outreach; and (5) collect information from state agencies on how to integrate census outreach into agency activities and the funding required to do so. The committee is required to provide a written report of findings and recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Council on or before September 1, 2030. The committee expires on September 30, 2030.

8. Act No. 454, § 1: Combines offices of treasurer and tax collector in Woodruff County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Woodruff County, combines the offices of treasurer and tax collector into one (1) office.

9. Act No. 455, § 1: Combines offices of treasurer and tax collector in Arkansas County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Arkansas County, combines the offices of treasurer and tax collector into one (1) office.

10. Act No. 474, § 1: School rating study

This act requires the Department of Education to not assign school ratings for the 2023-2024 school year and to create a new school rating system for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. This act allows a school that does not improve or maintain its most recent letter grade to request a review by the Division of Public School Accountability. This act expires June 30, 2026.

11. Act No. 483, § 2: Arkansas Primary Care Payment Improvement Working Group

This act convenes a nine-member working group to: (1) establish a definition of primary care to be utilized by the working group; (2) identify any portion of the Arkansas Medicaid Program population that should not be included in the study; (3) create data submission templates for insurance carriers and the Arkansas Medicaid Program to submit; (4) conduct an evaluation of the amount spent on primary care and other healthcare services; (5) determine the adequacy of the primary care delivery system; (6) study the primary care payment landscape in other states;

and (7) identify data collection for creation of a primary care spending target for Arkansas Medicaid and commercial insurance. The working group is required to submit a report of its findings to the Legislative Council no later than April 1, 2026, including a recommendation for a primary care spending target for commercial insurance carriers and the Arkansas Medicaid program. The Legislative Council may request a representative of an entity not meeting the primary care spending targets to appear before the Legislative Council.

12. Identical Act Nos. 694 and 769, § 3: Recidivism reduction

These acts require the Secretary of the Department of Corrections within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of the acts (April 16 and 17, 2025) to: (1) develop and implement the Recidivism Reduction System; (2) develop a plan for each inmate to be assessed under a validated risk and needs assessment by December 31, 2026; and (3) ensure that each inmate in the custody of the department is ranked for placement in programs and meaningful activities through a priority ranking report.

13. Identical Act Nos. 694 and 769, § 4: Feasibility study re: inmate education

These acts require the Superintendent of the Arkansas Correctional School District to present a feasibility study to the Legislative Council, prior to December 31, 2025, on: (1) establishing a year-round school calendar with at least two hundred eight (208) days of instructional time; (2) establishing a high school diploma program; (3) establishing a literacy program that ensures all inmates below an eighth-grade literacy standard be enrolled in a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week literacy remediation until the inmate reaches an eighth-grade literacy standard; and (5) analyzing the cost-effectiveness of privatization of the general educational development program.

14. Act No. 707, § 1: Nuclear energy study

This act requires the Department of Energy and Environment to hire an outside consulting firm, within sixty (60) days after the effective date that this act is funded, to conduct a technical feasibility study on implementing nuclear energy generation. The study will determine: (1) advantages and disadvantages of nuclear energy generation in Arkansas; (2) recommendations on design specifications, land criteria, safety criteria, feasibility of implementing commercially licensable nuclear generation technologies, and criteria for how well the technologies are tested; (3) a socioeconomic and impact assessment; (4) a timeline on development; (5) literature review of studies assessing the impact; and (5) current and future policies needed to support the adoption of nuclear energy generation. The department will deliver a written report on the feasibility study no later than fifteen months after this act goes into effect.

15. Act No. 780, § 1: Levee taxes - Crawford County

This act amends uncodified Section 6 of Acts 1909, No. 67, concerning the creation of the Crawford County Levee District. The act deletes language from Section 6 requiring the sheriff to act as the collector of levee taxes.

16. Act No. 852, § 2: Membership of the State Kidney Disease Commission - Transition to the State Kidney Disease Advisory Council

This act requires the State Board of Health to appoint new members to the State Kidney Disease Advisory Council and ends the terms of the current members of the State Kidney Disease Commission. Members of the commission may apply to the board for appointment to the advisory council.

17. Act No. 932, §§ 6 and 7: Reconstitutes the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board

This act removes the current members of the Arkansas Towing and Recovery Board serving on the effective date of the act (April 21, 2025) and requires the Governor to appoint all board member positions, subject to Senate confirmation. Until seven (7) members are appointed and confirmed, the Director of the board, in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Licensing, will exercise all duties and powers of the board, except for hearings and adjudicating complaints filed with the board. Complaints will be continued until a quorum of the new board is assembled. The act also establishes transition provisions for the new board members.

18. Act No. 946, § 1: Arkansas 2036 Commission

This act creates the Arkansas 2036 Commission. The commission consists of eight (8) members, serving without compensation, and has the purpose of: (1) promoting a statewide observance of the 200th birthday of Arkansas; (2) exploring the construction of a commemorative landmark; and (3) assisting in commemorative programs promoting the history and heritage of the state. The terms of all members will expire on December 31, 2036, at which point the commission will expire. The Division of Arkansas Heritage is required to staff the commission.

19. Act No. 985, § 1: Separates offices of sheriff and tax collector in Perry County

This act, effective January 1, 2027, and in Perry County, separates the offices of sheriff and tax collector into two (2) offices.

20. Act No. 989, § 14: Justice System Fee Task Force

This act establishes a thirteen-member Justice System Fee Task Force for the purpose of studying fees in the justice system and making recommendations regarding the alteration or elimination of such fees. The study will include: (1) an analysis of each fee; (2) the effectiveness of current practices; and (3) recommendations for improving the fees. The first meeting will be held no later than August 31, 2025, and the task force will meet at least quarterly going forward. On or before December 1, 2026, the task force will submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislative Council, and the Supreme Court. The task force expires on December 31, 2026.

21. Act No. 1026, §§ 1 – 3: Transfer of land to Boy Scouts

This act transfers certain interests in lands to the Boy Scouts of America and requires the Commissioner of State Lands and the Board of Developmental Disabilities Services to execute a quitclaim deed to effectuate the transfers.