

**REPORTS OF THE
EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 20, 2024

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Senator Ben Gilmore, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Missy Irvin
Senator Bart Hester

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Representative Bruce Cozart, Vice Co-Chair
Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

September 4, 2024 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Wednesday, September 4, 2024, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Terry Rice called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present.

Co-Chair Rice stated the Subcommittee would take up other business first and recognized Senator Jonathan Dismang to present a request for a study on the Arkansas Motion Picture Industry. After the presentation and questions, the Subcommittee adopted a motion to contract with a consultant and conduct a study of the Motion Picture Industry in Arkansas to include: review of issues related to the economic impact of the motion picture industry in Arkansas; review of existing laws incentivizing motion picture production within the state; recommendations for increasing the industry within the state; and best practices and recommendations related to state government organization and oversight of the industry. The Executive Subcommittee will meet as necessary over the coming months, in order to adopt recommendations and introduce any necessary legislation during the 2025 Regular Session.

The Subcommittee also adopted a motion to authorize BLR to enter into negotiations with Olsberg SPI, for a sole source contract for the provision of consulting services related to the Arkansas Motion Picture Industry Study and to bring a contract to the Executive Subcommittee for its approval at its next meeting scheduled for September 19, 2024.

Co-Chair Rice then recognized Mr. Charles Lenz and Mr. Kyle Hales Principal & Consulting Actuaries, both of Perr & Knight, to present recommendations on the Educational Facilities Property Insurance Study. After the presentation, Co-Chair Rice recognized members for questions and recognized Mr. Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner, and Mr. Randy Robinson, Director of Risk Management, Arkansas Insurance Department (AID), to respond to questions. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

September 19, 2024 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, September 19, 2024, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Terry Rice called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present.

The Subcommittee adopted a motion made by Senator Missy Irvin to authorize the ALC Co-Chairs to approve the contract between BLR and Olsberg-SPI for consulting services related to this Subcommittee's Motion Picture Industry Study by emergency action.

The Subcommittee then adopted a motion made by Senator Ben Gilmore to approve the waiver request to exceed cooperative purchasing for construction services aggregate amount for the West Memphis School District, Academies of West Memphis Charter School.

Co-Chair Rice then recognized Senator Ricky Hill, Co-Chair, ALC Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee, who requested an extension for the Firearms Study Report. **Senator Missy Irvin made a motion that was adopted by the Subcommittee, to approve the request of the ALC Game & Fish/State Police Subcommittee to extend the deadline for the Firearms Study report and allow the Co-Chairs of the subcommittee to submit their final report, recommendations, and draft legislation to the Executive Subcommittee at the meeting of October 17, 2024.**

Co-Chair Rice continued, recognizing Ms. Allison Hatfield, Chief of Staff, Department of Commerce, Mr. Alan McClain, Commissioner, and Mr. Booth Rand, General Counsel, Department of Commerce, Arkansas Insurance Department (AID), to present the proposed emergency rule request: Emergency Rule 128: Fair and Reasonable Pharmacy Reimbursements. Co-Chair Rice also recognized Mr. Clint Recktenwald, Pharmacist, Genuine Care Pharmacy, Ms. Kristen Riddle, Mr. Kyle Lomax, and Mr. John Vinson, all Pharmacists with the Arkansas Pharmacists Association to give public comments, for or against the rule. **After discussion and questions from members, Co-Chair Rice stated without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved and the review and approval shall be effective upon adjournment of the Arkansas Legislative Council meeting, Friday, September 20, 2024.**

Senator Ben Gilmore followed up with a motion to require the Insurance Department to report to the Legislative Council on a monthly basis beginning October 2024, to include without limitation information related to: any fair and reasonable reimbursement rate(s) as approved by the Commissioner; the number of reports filed with the Commissioner; numbers of approvals and denials made by the Commissioner; any resubmissions following a denial by the Commissioner; any violations assessed by the department; and any bulletins issued by the department related to this rule; and if the General Assembly is in session, the report shall be provided on a monthly basis to the Joint Budget Committee. The reports shall be submitted in writing at least 10 days prior to the meeting where the Insurance Commissioner shall verbally present the report to the Committee. The Subcommittee adopted the motion.

Lastly, the Subcommittee adopted a motion, made by Senator Ben Gilmore, to approve an amendment to the Consultant Services Agreement between BLR and Perr & Knight to increase the contract amount by 10% of the total contract amount, as permitted under the terms of the contract, due to the consultant being asked to provide services outside the original scope of work.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair and Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair