

**AGENDA**  
**Arkansas Legislative Council**

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**Friday, June 18, 2021**  
**9:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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- A. Call to Order.
- B. Roll Call.
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, May 21, 2021.
- D. Presentation of the May 2021 General Revenue Report — Ms. Ellie Stinnett, Legislative Economist, BLR.
- E. Report of the Executive Subcommittee — Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chairs.
- F. Reports of the Standing Subcommittees:
  - 1. Administrative Rules: — Rep. Les Eaves, Sen. Kim Hammer, Co-Chairs;
  - 2. Charitable, Penal & Correctional Institutions — Rep. David Fielding, Sen. Gary Stubblefield, Co-Chairs;
  - 3. Claims Review & Litigation Reports Oversight - Rep. Bruce Cozart, Sen. Bart Hester, Co-Chairs;
  - 4. Game and Fish/State Police — Rep. Josh Miller, Sen. Ricky Hill, Co-Chairs;
  - 5. Higher Education — Rep. David Whitaker, Sen. Jane English, Co-Chairs;
  - 6. Hospital and Medicaid Study — Rep. Jack Ladyman, Sen. Keith Ingram, Co-Chairs;
  - 7. Medical Marijuana Oversight - Rep. Lanny Fite, Sen. Bill Sample, Co-Chairs;
  - 8. Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review — Rep. Michelle Gray, Sen. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairs;
  - 9. Policy-Making — Rep. DeAnn Vaught, Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Co-Chairs;
  - 10. Review: — Rep. Ken Bragg, Sen. Scott Flippo, Co-Chairs;
  - 11. Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan — Rep. David Hillman, Sen. David Wallace, Co-Chairs;
  - 12. Lottery Oversight — Rep. Gary Deffenbaugh, Sen. Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chairs;
  - 13. Highway Commission Review and Advisory — Rep. Ron McNair, Sen. Blake Johnson, Co-Chairs;
  - 14. Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace Oversight — Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Sen. Jason Rapert, Co-Chairs.
  - 15. Occupational Licensing Review — Rep. Frances Cavanaugh, Sen. Lance Eads, Co-Chairs;

**Notice:** Silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum. Observe restrictions designating areas as "*Members and Staff Only*". **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](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)**

G. Reports of Interim or Special Committees.

H. Review of Communications:

1. **Department of Commerce, Arkansas Development Finance Authority** - Outline of the plan for Homeownership Assistance Fund.
  - Presented by Mr. Mark Conine, President, ADFA, Mr. Robert "Ro" Arrington, Director of Homeownership & Public Finance, ADFA, and Mr. Jim Hudson, Deputy Director of Operations & General Counsel, AEDC
2. **Administrative Office of the Courts**, Annual report on the Court Security Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2021, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §16-10-1006.
3. **Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System**, Request for the Legislative Council's review of the partial equity ownership investments with the following, submitted pursuant to A.C.A § 19-11-1302:
  - a. Harrison Street Real Estate Partners Fund VIII, L.P. ; and
  - b. Starwood Distressed Opportunity Fund XII, L.P.
4. **Arkansas Teacher Retirement System:** Request, submitted pursuant to A.C.A § 19-11-1303, for the Legislative Council's retrospective review of the partial equity ownership investments;
  - a. KKR Diversified Core Infrastructure Fund, L.P.;
  - b. Carlyle Realty Partners IX, L.P.; and
  - c. GLP Capital Partners IV, L.P.
5. **Bureau of Legislative Research**, Report on travel recommendations for members of the General Assembly attending conferences other than SLC, CSG, NCSL, ALEC, or the Energy Council submitted pursuant to Legislative Council travel policy;
6. **Department of Agriculture, Arkansas Forestry Commission**, Monthly activity report for May 2021 submitted pursuant to Section 33 of Act 544 of the 2019 Fiscal Session.
7. **Department of Correction**,
  - a. **Arkansas Parole Board**, Monthly performance report on parole applications and outcomes for May 2021, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-93-210;
  - b. **Division of Community Correction**, Report on the Community Correction Centers' population totals and Parole and Probation Services' caseload information as of June 2, 2021;
  - c. **Division of Correction**, Statewide Population Report as of June 7, 2021.
8. **Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Budget and Finance**, Monthly General Revenue Report for May 2021;
9. **Department of Human Services:**
  - a. **Division of Children and Family Services**, Monthly report of out-of-state and in-state placements for May 2021 submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §20-46-106;
  - b. **Division of Medical Services**, Monthly report of Medicaid in-state and out-of-state inpatient psychiatric placements for April 2021, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 20-46-105;

10. **Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism,**

- a. **Capitol Zoning District Commission**, Monthly activity report for May 2021 (*April 2021 reports retained in file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-3-311;
- b. **Division of State Parks**, Report of special maintenance projects for FY22, submitted pursuant to Act 486 of 2021, Section 21.
- c. **Division of State Parks**, Request for favorable advice to complete property acquisitions by land donations, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §22-4-106.

11. **Department of Public Safety, Arkansas State Police**, Monthly activity report for May 2021 regarding activity and condition of the Uniformed Employee Health Insurance Plan, submitted pursuant to Section 16 of Act 1007 of the 2019 Regular Session;

12. **Department of Transformation and Shared Services,**

- a. **Division of Building Authority**, Monthly performance report pertaining to capital improvement activities (design and construction) for May 2021, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-2-108(13);
- b. **Division of Information Services**, Request to review proposed new rates of services that will become effective July 1, 2021, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §25-4-119(b)(3)(B);

13. **UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation**, Request for the Legislative Council's approval of the following Rural Broadband I.D. grant awards, submitted pursuant to Section 29 of Act 139 of 2020:

- a. City of Little Rock/Little Rock Port Authority - Award Amount \$18,630; and
- b. Phillips County - Award Amount \$74,426.46

I. New Business.

J. New Interim Study Proposals and Interim Resolutions:

1. **Interim Resolution 2021-001, by Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw**, to request the Arkansas Legislative Council congratulate and commend the Redbug Rocketeers of Fordyce High School on qualifying to compete in the national finals of the American Rocketry Challenge.
2. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-012, by Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw**, to amend the law concerning load limits for a vehicle transporting certain raw materials and logs; and to declare an emergency.
3. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-036, by Senator Breanne Davis**, to amend the law regarding the payment of wages; and to establish parameters regarding the recoupment of overpayments by employers.
4. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-048, by Representative Jack Ladyman**, to enhance the 911 system in Arkansas; to modify the distribution of moneys in the Arkansas high cost fund; and to modify the distribution of moneys in the Arkansas 911 rural enhancement program fund.
5. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-049, by Representative Jack Ladyman**, to require certain individuals and organizations that engage in charitable solicitation to register within a municipality.
6. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-050, by Representative Justin Boyd**, to abolish the allocation of enrollment positions at the University of Arkansas College of Medicine based on congressional district and Arkansas residency.
7. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-051, by Representative Spencer Hawks**, to amend the Teacher Manager Instructor Certification relating to barbers.
8. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-052, by Representative Cindy Crawford**, to exempt delivery charges from the levy of sales and use tax and the Arkansas special excise taxes.

9. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-053, by Representative Howard M. Beaty, Jr.**, to amend the law concerning the design of disabled veteran special license plates; and to allow the issuance of certain medal decals.
10. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-054, by Representative David Ray**, to create the Automatic Taxpayer Refund Trust Fund and provide for its funding; and to set the conditions under which taxpayers shall receive automatic refunds.
11. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-055, by Representative Jack Ladyman**, concerning the Arkansas Speed Trap Law.
12. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-056, by Representative David Ray**, to limit the increase in general revenue expenditures from year to year; and to create a nexus between the amount of general revenue expenditures and the growth of the state disposable personal income.
13. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-057, by Representative Joshua Paul Bryant**, to amend the law regarding public assistance; and to authorize a pilot program related to real-time employment and income data for certain public assistance.
14. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-058, by Representative Craig Christiansen**, to require nursing homes to disclose liability insurance status when potential residents sign contracts for care.
15. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-059, by Representative Spencer Hawks**, to amend the conditions requiring certain members of school district boards of directors to be up for election following rezoning based on the most recent federal decennial census information.
16. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-060, by Representative Justin Boyd**, concerning the Arkansas Public Defender Commission.
17. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-061, by Senator Blake Johnson**, to establish the Electric Cooperative Corporation Self-Regulation Act of 2021.
18. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-062, by Senator Mark Johnson**, to amend the provisions of Arkansas Constitution, Amendments 91 and 101, to provide that proceeds may be applied to multilane highway improvements; and to declare an emergency.
19. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-063, by Senator Trent Garner**, to amend the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act; and to amend the definition of "athlete" within the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act.
20. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-064, by Senator Mark Johnson**, to amend the law concerning the requirement that an additional registration fee be paid for electric and hybrid vehicles; and to repeal the additional fee for the registration of hybrid vehicles.
21. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-065, by Senator Charles Beckham**, to amend the sales tax treatment of utilities used for certain qualifying agricultural structures; and to define the term "agriculture."
22. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-066, by Senator Alan Clark**, to amend the law concerning the sale of three-wheeled, four-wheeled, and six-wheeled all-terrain vehicles; and to require vehicle identification number verification prior to sale.
23. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-067, by Senator Missy Irvin**, to establish the Public Health Readiness Act.
24. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-068, by Senator Linda Chesterfield**, prohibiting the denial of medical care to a person in custody; to provide for civil and criminal actions for denying medical care to a person in custody; and to require training.
25. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-069, by Senator Alan Clark**, to establish a gated residential community logging permit; and to require an individual logging in a gated residential community to follow the Arkansas Forestry Commission's best management practices.
26. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-070, by Senator Kim Hammer**, to amend Arkansas law concerning early voting; and to amend Arkansas law concerning elections.

27. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-071, by Senator Trent Garner**, to exempt the purchase of a used motor vehicle from sales and use tax.
28. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-072, by Senator Trent Garner**, to establish the Farmers Right To Repair Act; and to require an original manufacturer to provide essential information to farmers to repair farm equipment.
29. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-073, by Senator Trent Garner**, to create the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act Of Arkansas.
30. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-074, by Senator Dan Sullivan**, to amend the law governing the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority; and to modify the manner in which the authority distributes certain tax credits and hires certain persons.
31. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-075, by Senator Clarke Tucker**, concerning the possession of marijuana.
32. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-076, by Senator Trent Garner**, to amend certain provisions of initiated Act 4 of 1948; and to clarify the treatment of durable medical equipment under the Workers' Compensation Law.
33. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-077, by Senator Bob Ballinger**, to transfer oversight of certain duties of the regional solid waste management districts; and to amend the required expertise of members of Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.
34. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-078, by Senator Bob Ballinger**, to amend the Solid Waste Management And Recycling Fund Act; and to transfer administration of certain funds and duties from the Division Of Environmental Quality to the Department of Finance and Administration.
35. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-079, by Senator Trent Garner**, to reduce all individual income tax rates to zero percent (0%).
36. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-080, by Senator Trent Garner**, to establish a grant program for law enforcement agencies designed to encourage training in and awareness of federal immigration enforcement; and to create the Immigration Enforcement Training Grant Program fund.
37. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-081, by Senator Trent Garner**, to levy a sales tax on advertising revenue on social-media platforms; to direct the tax revenue to fund the detection and prosecution of cybercrimes against children; and to fund the development of rural broadband.
38. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-082, by Senator Charles Beckham**, to amend the Real Estate License Law.
39. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-083, by Senator Alan Clark**, to amend the law concerning mandatory electronic report filing by candidates; and to amend the law concerning campaign finance reports.
40. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-084, by Senator Clarke Tucker**, to make an amendment to the Arkansas Civil Rights Act Of 1993.
41. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-085, by Senator Clarke Tucker**, eliminating the court automation fee required to be paid when a person is paying his or her court fines on an installment basis.
42. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-086, by Senator Jonathan Dismang**, to amend the asset limits for the supplemental nutrition assistance program; and to direct the Department of Human Services to request a broad-based categorical eligibility waiver.
43. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-087, by Senator Joyce Elliott**, to create the Unify Arkansas Commission; to establish the official observance of the National Day of Racial Healing in the state; and to encourage the creation of a community remembrance committee in each county.
44. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-088, by Senator Alan Clark**, to amend the law governing the type and manner of notice of a proposed assessment that must be given to a taxpayer.

45. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-089, by Senator Clarke Tucker**, to establish the Arkansas Equal Pay Act of 2021.
46. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-090, by Representative Charlene Fite**, to amend the law concerning the penalties for moving violations in highway work zones; and to create additional penalties for traffic violations resulting in injury or death of construction personnel.
47. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-092, by Senator Trent Garner**, to amend the law related to hunting and fishing licenses for residents; and to change the age requirement for a hunting or fishing license from sixteen (16) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age.
48. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-096, by Representative Julie Mayberry**, to request the House Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs examine the effectiveness and cost savings of using work-from-anywhere strategies for state employees.
49. **Interim Study Proposal 2021-097, by Senator Kim Hammer**, to study the feasibility of consolidating individual voting precinct locations for the purpose of utilizing vote centers and eliminating voting precinct deserts in rural areas for statewide special, primary, and general elections.

K. Business Carried Over:

**SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA**  
**Arkansas Legislative Council**  
Friday, June 18, 2021  
9:00 AM  
Committee Room A, Big Mac Building  
Little Rock, Arkansas

A. Department of Finance & Administration, Office of Budget:

1. FY2021 Cash Appropriation Increase Request
  - Arkansas State University – Newport
2. FY2020 Carry Forward Unexpended Balance of Funding Request
  - Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Arkansas Geographical Information Systems

B. Adjournment.