

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

**August 23, 2019**

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Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Senator Terry Rice, Vice Co-Chair	Representative Jim Dotson, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Jim Hendren	Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Senator Bill Sample	Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

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July 18, 2109 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:30 p.m. on July 18, 2019 in Room 205 of the State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present. The members present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

Review of Department of Education Emergency Rules

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Courtney Salas-Ford, Deputy General Counsel with the Department of Education, to present the request for review and approve the following emergency rules for the Department of Education:

- 1) Emergency Rule - Educator Compensation Reform Program;
- 2) Emergency Rule - School District Educational Excellence Trust Fund.

Following discussion of the rule, Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe stated that without objection, the proposed emergency rules are reviewed and approved, and the review and approval is effective at 12:01 a.m., July 20, 2019.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned.

August 22, 2019 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:30 p.m. on August 22, 2019 in Room 205 of the State Capitol Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present. The members present are listed on the sign-in sheet.

Review of Department of Education Emergency Rules

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Mr. Taylor Dugan, Attorney with the Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ADE-DESE) to present the request for review and approval of the following emergency rule for the Department of Education:

1) Emergency Rule – Educator Licensure.

Following discussion of the rule, Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe stated that without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval is effective upon adjournment of the Arkansas Legislative Council Meeting, on Friday, August 23, 2019.

Discussion of General Assembly Website Communications

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Senator Greg Leding to present his request regarding an update to the General Assembly Website Communications. Senator Leding requested approval of the Legislative Council to add a link to the General Assembly website to enable visitors to automatically create an email to all members of a legislative committee. After questions and discussion, Co-Chair Wardlaw made a motion to accept the request requiring that Arkansas follow the same guidelines as South Carolina related to required fields and with assurance that the Bureau IT staff will do everything possible to block automated emails. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Director's Report

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research to deliver her Director's Report to discuss updates to the Arkansas General Assembly website. Director Garrity explained that the changes would be minimal, but necessary to bring the website up-to-date and compatible with mobile devices.

Director Garrity informed subcommittee members that the Bureau has compiled a report of all reports required to be submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) from each state agency. She will provide the list to members for future discussion to consider whether the members would like to continue to receive certain reports and eliminate those deemed no longer necessary by law or member request.

Director Garrity also requested authorization to further engage with Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates, and Woodyard, PLLC in a contract for legal representation of the Bureau. A motion was made to authorize the Bureau to contract with Mitchell Williams for legal services, and the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Cecile Bledsoe and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Executive Subcommittee Co-Chairs

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