

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

**May 15, 2020**

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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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**Emergency Rules since March 2020**

*Pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309(d)(2)(B) and ALC Rule 22(f)(2)(B), the Executive Subcommittee may review and approve a proposed emergency rule in either of the following ways: (1) at a meeting of the Executive Subcommittee or (2) if a “majority of more of the members of the Executive Subcommittee approve the proposed emergency rule in writing.” The Executive Subcommittee exercised its power to review and approve the following emergency rules in writing:*

**March 18, 2020:**

- **Dept. of Labor and Licensing, Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board**, an emergency rule to revise the Appraisal Management Company Rules for compliance with the Federal Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act
- **Dept. of Human Services, Division of Medical Services**, emergency rule to adjust the SPA #2020-007 Durable Medical Equipment Rate
- **Arkansas Dept. of Health, Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions/Social Work Licensing Board**, emergency rule for Telemedicine
- **Arkansas Dept. of Health, Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions/Arkansas Psychology Board**, emergency rule for Arkansas Psychology Board Rules Section 19 – Telepsychology

**March 25, 2020:**

- **Arkansas Dept. of Health, State Board of Physical Therapy**, emergency rule for Teletherapy

**April 15, 2020 Meeting**

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 8:30 a.m. on April 15, 2020 in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Jeff Wardlaw called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present.

**Consideration of Emergency Rule**

Department of Commerce, Division of Workforce Services – Dr. Charisse Childers, Director:

- 1) *Dept. of Commerce, Division of Workforce Services, Emergency Rule 30, requiring employers to give notices to employees of the availability of unemployment benefits.*

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Dr. Charisse Childers, Director, Division of Workforce Services and Mr. Steven Porch, Legal Counsel, Department of Commerce to present the request for review and approval of the emergency rule. After a brief presentation, Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized members for questions.

Following discussion, Co-Chair Wardlaw stated that without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval is effective at noon, on Thursday, April 16, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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