

**REPORT OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL  
October 16, 2020**

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Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair Senator Terry Rice, Vice Co-Chair Senator Jim Hendren Senator Bill Sample	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Representative Jim Dotson, Vice Co-Chair Representative Matthew J. Shepherd Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson
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October 15, 2020 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 12:00 p.m. on October 15, 2020 in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Cecile Bledsoe called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present.

**Consideration of Emergency Rules**

- 1). Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Mr. Jim Hudson, General Counsel, AEDC:

***Fresh Start Program Emergency Rule - To outline the administration of a grant program to provide short-term rental assistance to low to moderate income individuals and families who are experiencing housing instability as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.***

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Mr. Jim Hudson, General Counsel, AEDC, Mr. Mike Preston, Secretary, Department of Commerce, and Ms. Terry Bearden, Chief Operations Officer, Arkansas Community Action Agencies Association, Inc. to answer questions regarding the request for review and approval of the emergency rule. Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized members for questions.

Following discussion, Co-Chair Bledsoe stated that without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective upon adjournment of Arkansas Legislative Council, Friday, October 16, 2020.

2). Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism; Arkansas Economic Development Commission; Department of Finance & Administration – Ms. Stacy Hurst, Secretary, Department of Arkansas Heritage:

***Business Interruption Grant Program for the Arkansas Service and Hospitality Industries.***

Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized Ms. Stacy Hurst, Secretary, Department of Arkansas Heritage, to answer questions regarding the request for review and approval of the emergency rule. Co-Chair Bledsoe recognized members for questions.

Following discussion, Co-Chair Bledsoe stated that without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective upon adjournment of Arkansas Legislative Council, Friday, October 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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