

ACT 595 REPORT

ACT 360

DESCRIPTION: TO ESTABLISH THE STATE CRIME LABORATORY STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.

STATUS: The student loan forgiveness rule was approved by the Governor on September 30, 2021. Rules were filed with BLR and the Secretary of State's Office the same day. Notice was published to the public on October 3, 2021 and will be published for three (3) consecutive days in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The public comment period will end on or around November 1, 2021, after which public hearings will be held.

NEW RULE

CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney; Kermit Channell, ASCL Director

ACT 792

DESCRIPTION: TO REQUIRE TRAINING CONCERNING A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S DUTY TO INTERVENE WHEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OBSERVES THE USE OF EXCESSIVE FORCE BY ANOTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

STATUS: CLEST Rule 1002 was approved by the Governor on September 30, 2021. Rules were filed with BLR and the Secretary of State's Office the same day. Notice was published to the public on October 3, 2021 and will be published for three (3) consecutive days in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The public comment period will end on or around November 1, 2021, after which public hearings will be held.

AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE

CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney; Jami Cook, CLEST Director; Brad King, CLEST Deputy Director

ACT 218

DESCRIPTION: CONCERNING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ORGANIZATION, STAFFING, AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.

STATUS: CLEST Rule 1034 was approved by the Governor on September 30, 2021. Rules were filed with BLR and the Secretary of State's Office the same day. Notice was published to the public on October 3, 2021 and will be published for three (3) consecutive days in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The public comment period will end on or around November 1, 2021, after which public hearings will be held.

AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULE

CONTACT PERSON: Amanda Yarbrough, DPS Attorney; Jami Cook, CLEST Director; Brad King, CLEST Deputy Director

ACT 765

DESCRIPTION: The Act permits Arkansas taxpayers to contribute a portion of their tax refund (or include additional amount with their tax payment) to the Law Enforcement Family Relief Trust Fund. The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, or his or her designee, may then distribute money from the fund to families of Arkansas-certified law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty or diagnosed with a terminal illness.

STATUS: The DPS portion of the Rules have been drafted and submitted (7/22/21) to the appropriate employees of the Department of Finance and Administration to ensure compliance and coordination with all DFA rules necessary to carry out the Program. *See* A.C.A. § 26-51-2511(b)(3).

NEW RULE

CONTACT PERSON(S): Joan Shipley, DPS Attorney

ACT 841

DESCRIPTION: The Act creates an income tax credit for a retired law enforcement officer who volunteers or works as a temporary or part-time employee for the Division of Arkansas State Police investigating cold cases.

STATUS: The first draft of these rules was submitted (8/3/21) to the Department of Finance and Administration for consultation and approval. *See* A.C.A. § 26-51-515(f)(2).

NEW RULE

CONTACT PERSON(S): Major David Lafferty, ASP Criminal Investigation Division Commander; Joan Shipley, DPS Attorney

ACT 135

DESCRIPTION: The Act requires any licensing entity to issue automatic or expedited licensure to certain military-affiliated individuals.

STATUS: Rule 2.17 of the ASP Rules for Licensing and Regulation of Private Investigators, Private Security Agencies, Alarm Systems Companies, Polygraph Examiners, and Voice Stress Analysis Examiners and Rule 5.4 of the ASP Used Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Rules have been amended to comply with Act 135.

AMENDMENT TO EXISTING RULES

CONTACT PERSON(S): Major Lindsey Williams, ASP Regulatory and Building Division Commander; Joan Shipley, DPS Attorney