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VIA EMAIL

Re: Act 595 Report

Ms. Whittaker:

Below is a monthly update for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) under Act 595 of 2021. There are two newly enacted statutes that required the promulgation of rules.

1. Act 263 of 2021

This Act made technical changes to the Telecommunications Access Program. ARS is receiving public comment on rules amended in light of Act 263. The comment period will end on October 25, 2021.

2. Act 282 of 2021

This Act amended the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program, a recruitment and retention program. ARS is receiving public comment on rules amended in light of Act 282. The comment period will end on October 25, 2021.

Thank you. If further information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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