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Jessica C. Whittaker, Administrator
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One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Ms. Whittaker:

Please accept this supplement to the Act 595 notice provided by the Division of Workforce Services (DWS). In that notice, DWS advised there were no rules for which reporting was required under Act 595. This notice applied to DWS as well as the Adult Education Section and the Division of State Services for the Blind.

You brought to our attention that Act 770 of 2021, the appropriation act for DWS, was identified in the Report on the Acts of the 2021 Regular Session Requiring New Rulemaking. Special language in Act 770 authorizes DWS to promulgate rules to administer funds that become available to the Adult Education Section.

Upon further review, DWS has confirmed that Act 770 does not require adoption of a rule by DWS. As noted in the Report, Act 770 made nominal changes to substitute DWS for the Department of Career Education, which was dissolved in 2019. And the Adult Education Section has funding rules in place that will not need to be modified as a result of the 2021 regular session. For these reasons, we request that the rule mentioned in Act 770 of 2021 be excluded from further reporting requirements under Act 595.

I appreciate your time and assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charisse Childers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
Director