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Senator Kim Hammer  
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ALC-Administrative Rules Subcommittee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
1 Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Request to be excluded from the rule reporting requirements of Act 595 of 2021 with respect to Act 811 of 2021


Dear Senator Hammer and Representative Eaves;

As you know, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-216(b)(3)-(5), as amended by Act 595 of 2021, established certain reporting requirements for state agencies, including a written update on the agency's progress in promulgating rules. Act 811 of 2021, entitled the Earn and Learn Act, provides that a licensing entity shall grant a license to an individual who completes an apprenticeship in a program that meets certain federal guidelines approved by the United States Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship. Act 811 of 2021, § 2, further provides that all licensing entities "shall promulgate rules necessary to implement this act."

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-216(c), as amended by Act 595 of 2021, the Board of Electrical Examiners and the Fire Protection Licensing Board do not intend to promulgate any rules to implement Act 746 of 2021, as it is not necessary. Both boards have apprenticeship rule(s) that meet or exceed the requirements of Act 811 of 2021. As a result, the department respectfully requests that any rulemaking regarding Act 811 of 2021 for the Board of Electrical Examiners and the Fire Protection Licensing Board be excluded from further reporting requirements.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
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