

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE
SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 26, 2022

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Senator Missy Irvin, Vice Co-Chair	Representative Jim Dotson, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Cecile Bledsoe	Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr	Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

August 18, 2022 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, August 18, 2022, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Jeff Wardlaw called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present.

Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE):

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Dr. Ivy Pfeffer, Deputy Commissioner, Ms. Karli Saracini, Asst. Commissioner, Educator Effectiveness and Licensure, and Ms. Lori Freno, General Counsel, Department of Education, to present the request for review and approval of the following emergency rule:

- **Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE):**
DESE Rules Governing Educator Licensure, Sections 1-2.0, 4-5.0, 4-6.0, and 4-8.0 (only).

After questions from members, at the request of the agency, the emergency rule was pulled from consideration.

ALC Rules Addendum (Proposed):

Co-Chair Wardlaw then recognized Ms. Jill Thayer, BLR Counsel, to present the draft ALC Rules Addendum. There were no questions from members.

Co-Chair Jeff Wardlaw moved, without objection, to recommend to the full Arkansas Legislative Council adoption of the ALC Rules Addendum at its next meeting, August 26, 2022. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Other Business:

Co-Chair Wardlaw recognized Ms. Jill Thayer, BLR Counsel, to continue with other business. Ms. Thayer presented the request for the authority to retain outside legal counsel services, as it relates to a subpoena involving a state redistricting case and enter into a new agreement between the Bureau of Legislative Research and Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C.

With no questions from members, Co-Chair Wardlaw requested a motion.

Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr. moved to approve the request to enter into a new contract between the Bureau of Legislative Research and Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, P.L.L.C. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Executive Subcommittee Co-Chairs

TR/JW/MG:sla

ALC Rules Addendum

School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside

(a) Act 3 of the Third Extraordinary Session of 2022, which appropriated funds for the School Safety Grants Program and created the School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside sub-fund, granted approval authority to the Legislative Council related to promulgation of rules for the school safety grants and transfer of funds from the sub-fund.

(b) The following items shall be referred to the PEER Subcommittee:

(1) Approval of a request for authorization by the Department of Education to begin the process for promulgating rules for the distribution of funds in the School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside sub-fund, with final approval of the Legislative Council; and

(2)(A) Approval of transfers from the School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside sub-fund, with final approval by the Legislative Council of the greater of three-fifths (3/5) of the quorum present or a majority of the membership of the Legislative Council.

(B) Approval of transfers from the School Safety Set-Aside or Contingency Vote 3/5 Set-Aside sub-fund for the purpose of allowing the Department of Education to distribute funds for the School Safety Grant Program shall not be granted until the rules regarding distribution of the funds under the program have been approved by the Legislative Council.

(c) Unless suspended or amended, or changed by law, this addendum shall continue in full force and effect as a temporary rule for the Legislative Council during the future successive biennial periods until permanent rules have been adopted by the Legislative Council.