

REVISED AGENDA
Arkansas Legislative Council

Friday, May 19, 2023
9:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

- A. Call to Order.
- B. Roll Call.
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting, December 16, 2022.
- D. Department Secretary Presentations, pursuant to Act 413 of 2021:
 - 1. Department of Labor and Licensing - Mr. Darryl Bassett, Secretary
 - 2. Department of Energy and Environment - Mr. Shane Khoury, Secretary
- E. Presentation of the April - 2023 Revenue Report (*Reports for Dec 2022, Jan-Mar 2023 retained in the file*) – Dr. Carlos Silva, Legislative Economist
- F. Report of the Executive Subcommittee — Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chairs.
- G. Reports of Standing Subcommittees:
 - 1. Administrative Rules: — Rep. Brian Evans, Sen. Kim Hammer, Co-Chairs;
 - 2. Charitable, Penal & Correctional Institutions — Rep. Danny Watson, Sen. Gary Stubblefield, Co-Chairs;
 - 3. Claims Review & Litigation Reports Oversight - Rep. DeAnn Vaught, Sen. Jim Dotson, Co-Chairs;
 - 4. Employee Benefits Division Oversight — Rep. Aaron Pilkington, Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr., Co-Chairs;
 - 5. Game and Fish/State Police — Rep. Josh Miller, Sen. Ricky Hill, Co-Chairs;
 - 6. Higher Education — Rep. Charlene Fite, Sen. Dan Sullivan, Co-Chairs;
 - 7. Highway Commission Review and Advisory — Rep. Ron McNair, Sen. Blake Johnson, Co-Chairs;
 - 8. Hospital and Medicaid Study — Rep. Richard Womack, Sen. Missy Irvin, Co-Chairs;
 - 9. Lottery Oversight — Rep. Mindy McAlindon, Sen. Ronald Caldwell, Co-Chairs;
 - 10. Medical Marijuana Oversight - Rep. Jon Milligan, Sen. Clint Penzo, Co-Chairs;
 - 11. Occupational Licensing Review — Rep. Stephen Meeks, Sen. Jane English, Co-Chairs;
 - 12. Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review — Rep. Frances Cavanaugh, Sen. Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chairs;

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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13. Policy-Making — Rep. Jack Ladyman, Sen. Linda Chesterfield, Co-Chairs;
14. Review: — Rep. Les D. Eaves, Sen. Scott Flippo, Co-Chairs;
15. Uniform Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan — Rep. Mark H. Berry, Sen. Breanne Davis, Co-Chairs;

H. **Reports of Interim or Special Committees:** *(none)*

I. **Review of Communications:**

1. **Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, Arkansas 911 Board**, 2022 Annual report on the review and assessment of sustainability and the feasibility of further reduction of the required number of public safety answering points resulting from the standardization of operational processes and training and the implementation of next generation 911 service, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. §12-10-305;
2. **Arkansas Legislative Audit, Legislative Joint Auditing Committee**, Report of the audit performed at the request of Arkansas Legislative Council of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program at the Department of Human Services (DHS).
3. **Arkansas Teacher Retirement System**, Request for the Legislative Council's retrospective review of the imminent need partial equity ownership investments, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 19-11-1303;
 - a. **February 2023**
 - i. LLR Equity Partners VII, L.P.;
 - ii. GCG Investors VI, L.P.;
 - iii. Franklin Park Co-Investment Fund VI, L.P.; and
 - b. **April 2023**
 - iv. Chatham Asset Private Debt and Strategic Capital Fund IV, L.P.;
 - v. Prophet MSR Opportunities Fund (Class A, Onshore), L.P.;
 - vi. Lone Star Real Estate Fund VII, L.P.
4. **Commissioner of State Lands**, Report of property sold from January - March 2023 (*October-December 2022 report is retained in the file*), by the Commissioner of State Lands Office through the post-auction sale process, submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 26-37-202(b)(3).
5. **Department of Commerce:**
 - a. **Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services**, proposed approval of funding for Rural Community Grants for Cycle 2 of Fiscal Year 2023, submitted pursuant to Act 218 of 2022.

- b. **Arkansas Economic Development Commission**, Quarterly report of industry training activities during the 3rd quarter of the Industry Training Program, submitted pursuant to Act 218 of 2022.
- c. **Arkansas Securities Department**, Quarterly report of all funds received or any external fund transactions recognized or required through court orders or settlement agreements during the 3rd quarter, submitted pursuant to Section 6 of Act 64 of the 2022 Fiscal Session.
- d. **Department of Workforce Services**, Quarterly Report for Special Funds, pursuant to A.C.A. §19-5-984; Unemployment Insurance Administration Fund and Unemployment Insurance Modernization Fund, pursuant to A.C.A. §19-5-1232; and the Training Trust Fund, pursuant to A.C.A. §19-5-1131, for the quarters ended March 31, 2023 (*Quarter Report ending Dec. 31, 2022 retained in the file*).

6. Department of Correction:

- a. **Arkansas Parole Board**, Monthly performance report on parole applications and outcomes for April 2023 (*Dec 2022 and Jan, Feb 2023 reports are retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 16-93-210;
- b. **Division of Community Correction**, Report on the Community Correction Centers' population totals and Parole and Probation Services' caseload information as of May 2, 2023 (*Jan - April 2023 reports are retained in the file*);
- c. **Division of Correction**, Statewide Population Report as of May 1, 2023 (*Jan - April 2023 reports are retained in the file*);

7. Department of Education, Division of Higher Education, Employee-Relative Disclosure Report for quarter ending March 31, 2023 (*Qtr. report ending December 31, 2022, is retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to Executive Order 98-04.

8. Department of Finance and Administration, Economic Analysis & Tax Research, Monthly General Revenue Report for April 2023 (*Dec. 2022, Jan.- Mar. 2023 reports are retained in the file*);

9. Department of Health (ADH):

- a. Maternal Mortality Review Committee (established 2019), report on the number and causes of maternal deaths and its recommendations, submitted pursuant to Act 829 of the 2019 Regular Session;
- b. Maternal and Perinatal Outcomes Quality Review Committee (established 2019), report of factual information obtained from the review of the birth outcome data and local or regional review panels, submitted pursuant to Act 1032 of the 2019 Regular Session;

10. Department of Human Services:

- a. **Office of the Secretary**, Monthly report submitted April 2023, on assisted living facility reimbursement rates under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver, submitted pursuant to Section 15 of Act 213 of 2022;
- b. **Office of the Secretary**, Semi-Annual Voter Registration Report for the period July - December 2022, submitted pursuant to Section 8(d) of Amendment 51 to the Arkansas Constitution.

11. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism:

- a. **Division of Arkansas State Parks**, Report of special maintenance projects for FY2024, submitted pursuant to Section 19 of Act 344 of 2023.
- b. **Capitol Zoning District Commission**, Monthly activity report for April 2023 (*Dec 2022, Jan - Mar. 2023 reports are retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-3-311;

12. Department of Public Safety, Arkansas State Police, Monthly activity report for April 2023 regarding activity and condition of the Uniformed Employee Health Insurance Plan, submitted pursuant to Section 42 of Act 995 of the 2021 Regular Session;

13. Department of Transformation and Shared Services:

- a. **Division of Building Authority**, Monthly performance report pertaining to capital improvement activities (design and construction) for March 2023 (*Jan., Feb. 2023 reports are retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-2-108(13);
- b. **Division of Building Authority**, Quarterly report pertaining to leasing of State owned real property to non-state entities and the transfer of DBA's property to non-state entities from January 1 - March 31, 2023 (*Oct - Dec 31, 2022, report is retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 22-6-117.

14. Information Network of Arkansas, Quarterly Report of any changes in the charges for services, submitted pursuant to Act 550 of 2015 Regular Session, A.C.A. § 25-27-104(a)(3).

15. Public Service Commission:

- a. Quarterly Report of Rate Cases for the quarter ending March 31, 2023 (*Dec 31, 2022, report is retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 23-4-420.
- b. Quarterly Report concerning operation of the Extension of Telecommunications Facilities Fund (ARETFF) for the period of January - March 31, 2023 (*Oct-Dec 2022 report is retained in the file*), submitted pursuant to A.C.A. § 23-17-404(e)(7)(A)(i).

J. New Business:

1. Arkansas Department of Health - Trauma Program

- Presented by Matt Gilmore, Public Health Programs Policy Coordinator, Department of Health

K. New Interim Study Proposals and Interim Resolutions:

1. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-001, by Representative David Ray**, requesting ALC to refer to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, a request to conduct a study on the use of E-Verify System.
2. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-003, by Representative Carol Dalby**, an Act to create the Arkansas Consumer Data Protection Act; and for other purposes.
3. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-006, by Senator Kim Hammer**, requesting ALC and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study the modernization of the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act and recommend changes to update the language to reflect modern educational standards.
4. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-008, by Senator Joshua Bryant**, requesting ALC refer to the Senate Judiciary Committee a study of the use of mental health assessments for criminal defendants in the court system and the staffing and budgetary shortfalls of the Arkansas State Hospital and the Department of Human Services as they relate to the criminal justice system.
5. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-009, by Representative Denise Jones Ennett**, an Act to amend the laws concerning the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and the State Forestry Commission; to amend the laws relating to fire protection districts; to amend the authority of the Department of Agriculture to adjust fire protection district boundaries having overlapping boundaries; to amend the authority of the Department of Agriculture to recommend changes to other fire protection district boundaries.
6. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-010, by Representative Jeff Wardlaw**, an Act to establish a state-based health insurance marketplace; to transfer the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace from the State Insurance Department; to create a Board of Directors of the Arkansas Health Insurance Marketplace; to declare an emergency.
7. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-011, by Representative Vivian Flowers**, an Act to amend the law concerning the jurisdiction of the state highway commission over railroad crossing safety and railroad trains; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes.
8. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-012, by Representative DeAnn Vaught**, an Act regarding the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission; to establish the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program; to create the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund; to transfer funding from the Securities Reserve Fund; to declare an emergency; and for other purposes.
9. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-014, by Senator Bryan King**, an Act to repeal the Arkansas Data Centers Act of 2023; and for other purposes.
10. **Interim Study Proposal 2023-015, by Representative Vivian Flowers**, an Act to establish a path to restoration of the right to possess a firearm under State law after a five (5) year period has passed since a person convicted of certain nonviolent felonies has completed his or her sentence; and for other purposes.

L. Business Carried Over: (none)

M. Adjournment.