

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

July 21, 2023

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Senator Ben Gilmore, Vice Co-Chair	Representative Bruce Cozart, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Missy Irvin	Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Senator Bart Hester	Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

July 20, 2023 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, July 20, 2023, in Room B of the Big MAC Building, Little Rock, Arkansas. Co-Chair Terry Rice called the meeting to order and saw a quorum of members present. Representative Matthew Shepherd and Senator Ben Gilmore attended the meeting via *ZOOM*.

Co-Chair Rice referred members to the proposed emergency rule from the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE), regarding Rules Governing Education Freedom Accounts. He recognized Ms. Courtney Salas-Ford, Chief of Staff, and Mr. Andrés Rhodes, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Education, to present the rule. He then referred members to the House and Senate Education Committees' recommendation on the emergency rule, and recognized Representative Brian S. Evans to present. With no questions after the presentation, Co-Chair Rice made a motion.

Co-Chair Rice moved, without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved and the review and approval shall be effective at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Co-Chair Rice moved on to recognize Ms. Jill Thayer, Chief Legal Counsel, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), to present for review the K-12 (*and Higher Education*) School District Property Insurance Consulting Services Request for Proposals (RFP). After discussion, Co-Chair Rice recognized members for questions.

Vice Co-Chair Bruce Cozart, made a motion to approve the RFP and authorize BLR to release the RFP on Monday, July 24, 2023, and to include a review of higher education in the scope of work . The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Co-Chair Rice then recognized Co-Chair Wardlaw for statements regarding the ALC - Game and Fish/ State Police Subcommittee. After discussion, Co-Chair Wardlaw made a motion.

Co-Chair Wardlaw moved to authorize BLR to begin drafting procedure and a timeline for a study on the clarification of the laws related to guns and concealed weapons for consideration by the Executive Subcommittee at its August meeting, for the purpose of authorizing the ALC-Game and

Fish/State Police Subcommittee to conduct a study and submit a final report to the Executive Subcommittee and the Legislative Council. 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

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