

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

November 17, 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

November 16, 2023 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met Thursday, November 16, 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.

Co-Chair Rice recognized Mr. Andrés Rhodes, Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Department of Education, to present an emergency rule on, "Arkansas Department of Education, State Board of Education: DESE Rules Governing Payments Under the Educational Freedom Accounts Program". After the presentation, Co-Chair Rice moved:

Without objection, this rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective upon adjournment of the ALC meeting, Friday, November 17, 2023.

Co-Chair Rice then recognized Mr. Tucker Brackins, Director of Legislative Affairs and Policy, and Mr. Glen Howie, Director of Broadband, Arkansas Department of Commerce, to present an emergency rule on "Arkansas Department of Commerce, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC): Arkansas BEAD Program". Senator Jane English requested to have AEDC present in a future ALC meeting, an overview on the status of Broadband throughout our state. Co-Chair Rice then moved:

Without objection, this rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective upon adjournment of the ALC meeting, Friday, November 17, 2023.

The Subcommittee then heard presentations related to the Education Facilities Property Insurance Study from the following:

- Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner; and
- Roberts Lee, Clint Lamberth, and Kyle Morgan, Meadors, Adams & Lee Insurance, Inc.

The Subcommittee also heard information related to the study from Randy Robinson, Arkansas Insurance Department, and Bill Burch, Cadence Insurance.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair and Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair

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