

**REPORT OF THE
GAME AND FISH/STATE POLICE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

January 26, 2024

Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw, Co-Chairs:

The Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee met Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., in Room A-MAC.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation from Jennifer Craun, Senior Legislative Attorney, Legal Research and Drafting, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), regarding the Summary of Concealed Carry Laws Concerning Firearms.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from the following groups:

1. Attorney General's Office; and
2. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission.

Representative Jack Fortner and Senators Ricky Hill and Justin Boyd made motions that the subcommittee move forward with consideration and further discussion of the Attorney General's recommendations. The motions were all passed by voice vote.

The Game and Fish/State Police Subcommittee also met Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in Room A-MAC.

The Subcommittee heard a presentation from Jennifer Craun, Senior Legislative Attorney, Legal Research and Drafting, Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR), regarding the Summary of Concealed Carry Rules Concerning Firearms.

The Subcommittee heard testimony from the following groups:

1. Arkansas State Police; and
2. Members of the Public.

Senator Ricky Hill and Representative Josh Miller made the following comments regarding the upcoming meetings:

- **Public Comment:**

There will be an opportunity for the public to provide comments to the Subcommittee on each of the topics we take up in this study. There will be a link on the General Assembly website for public comment sign up and there will be a sign up sheet at the committee meeting. Only those members of the public who have signed up in one of those two ways will be allowed to come forward and present their comments to the Subcommittee.

- **Member Participation:**

I want to invite and encourage all members of the General Assembly to attend these meetings and participate as we work towards recommendations to present to the Legislative Council next year. Although only members of the Subcommittee will be permitted to make motions and vote on the recommendations during this phase, we welcome input from all members of the General Assembly.

- **Next Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in this room and we will begin hearing recommendations regarding the hunting laws, concealed carry laws concerning firearms and Arkansas State Police concealed carry regulations.

Respectfully submitted, Senator Ricky Hill and Representative Josh Miller