

**REPORT OF THE
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

March 20, 2026

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Administrative Rules Subcommittee met on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Room A, MAC.

- A. The Subcommittee reviewed and approved the following rules filed pursuant to Arkansas Code § 10-3-309:**
- 1. Department of Agriculture, State Plant Board**
 - a. REPEAL Rules on Catfish Processors in Arkansas, 2 CAR pt. 23
 - 2. Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations**
 - a. Continuity of Coverage (20 CAR pts. 500, 571)
 - 3. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services**
 - a. Cell and Gene Therapy (CGT) Model (20 CAR pts. 570, 624)
 - b. Medication Assisted Treatment Attestation of Coverage (20 CAR pt. 570)
 - 4. Department of Labor and Licensing**
 - a. Review of Plan Review Disputes by Department of Labor and Licensing, 14 CAR pt. 40
 - 5. Department of Labor and Licensing, Contractors Licensing Board**
 - a. Rules for the Contractors Licensing Board, 17 CAR pt. 255
 - b. Rules of the Residential Contractors Committee, 17 CAR pt. 295
 - 6. Department of Labor and Licensing, HVACR Licensing Board**
 - a. Rules Pertaining to the Licensing of Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors, 17 CAR pt. 261
- B. The Subcommittee approved the following agency's request to be excluded from Act 595 of 2021's reporting requirements:**
- 1. Department of Inspector General (Act 473 of 2025)**
- C. Pursuant to Act 781 of 2017 and Act 65 of 2021, the Subcommittee accepted the recommendation of the following Group 3 agency to extend rules as outlined in the attached report:**
- 1. Department of Education, Arkansas State Library**

- D. Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021, the Subcommittee received agency updates on outstanding rulemaking relating to legislation from the 2023 Regular Session.**
- E. The Subcommittee filed the March 1 monthly written updates by agencies concerning rulemaking from the 2025 Regular Session pursuant to Act 595 of 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Matthew J. Shepherd, Co-Chair

Senator Kim Hammer, Vice-Chair

Act 781 of 2017 Rules Report

for Department of Education - Arkansas State Library

	Promulgated Date	Effective Date	Filed w/ SOS Date	Last Revision Date
Department of Education - Arkansas State Library				
Enforce				
13 CAR pt. 1. State and Federal Documents Depository Programs				ID#: 11247
Statutory Authority: Arkansas Code § 13-2-207 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: 44 U.S.C. § 19 Requirement Statement: Title 44 U.S.C. Chapter 19 contains the legal definition and requirements for Federal Regional Depository Libraries, currently contained in GPO's Legal Requirements and Program Regulations document. These apply only to Section B, Federal Regional Depository Library, in the agency's rules. Enforce or Repeal?: Enforce Agency Justification: A.C.A. § 13-2-210 through § 13-2-214 designates the Arkansas State Library as the "official depository for state and local documents," as the "State and Local Government Publications Clearinghouse," and provides parameters for the execution of both responsibilities. Rules related to both the permanent Arkansas documents depository at ASL and its documents distribution activities on behalf of other state depositories are necessary to effectively administer the programs and fulfill the role mandated by the agency's enabling statutes. The extant rules are currently being evaluated for updates, but should remain in force until any appropriate amendments are formally promulgated. Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/134/Rules/11247/Final/13CARpt1.pdf	12/10/1980	02/04/1981	05/19/2023	05/29/2023
13 CAR pt. 2. Rules Governing Distribution of Scholarship Assistance				ID#: 11248
Statutory Authority: Arkansas Code § 13-2-207 <input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none) Requirement Statement: (none) Enforce or Repeal?: Enforce Agency Justification: These rules formalize a process already in existence and set reasonable guidelines to make scholarship assistance available to every public library in the state of Arkansas to address the education needs of public library staff working toward the ultimate goal of obtaining a master's degree in library and information science as defined by the American Library Association. The State Library Board appropriates funds annually for scholarship assistance. Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/134/Rules/11248/Final/13CARpt2.pdf	02/10/2006	04/06/2006	05/19/2023	05/29/2023
13 CAR pt. 3. Development and Enhancement Fund Grant Rules				ID#: 11249
Statutory Authority: Arkansas Code § 13-2-207 <input type="checkbox"/> Required under State or Federal Law: (none) Requirement Statement: (none) Enforce or Repeal?: Enforce Agency Justification: The rules will set guidelines for the distribution of General Improvement Funds which are made available by the General Assembly to address the needs of the public libraries and literacy councils in the State of Arkansas. The funds are awarded to the Arkansas State Library and disbursement will be made upon the approval of the State Library Board. There is no guarantee of GIF funds being available each year, but having the guidelines in place prevents delays in distribution of the funds. Link to Rule Document: http://arr.blr.arkansas.gov/Portals/0/Rules/ARR/Entities/134/Rules/11249/Final/13CARpt3.pdf	09/26/2008	11/28/2008	11/18/2008	