

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

July 23, 2021

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair	Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Senator Missy Irvin, Vice Co-Chair	Representative Jim Dotson, Vice Co-Chair
Senator Cecile Bledsoe	Representative Matthew J. Shepherd
Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr	Representative Kenneth B. Ferguson

July 1, 2021 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 2:00 p.m. on July 1, 2021 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.

Consideration of an Emergency Rule

Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission - Mr. Mike Preston, Secretary:

Arkansas Economic Development Commission: Request for Emergency Addendum to the Arkansas Rural Connect Coronavirus Rule. The proposed emergency rule is to comply with federal guidance concerning the American Rescue Plan Act funding for broadband infrastructure.

Co-Chair Rice recognized Mr. Steven Porch, Chief Legal Officer and Mr. Jim Hudson, Deputy Director of Operations & General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Commerce, to present the emergency rule request. After the presentation, Co-Chair Rice recognized members for questions.

Following questions, Co-Chair Rice stated, without objection, the proposed emergency rule is reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective at 12:01 a.m., July 3, 2021.

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

July 21, 2021 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 9:00 a.m. on July 21, 2021 in Room A 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. Patrick Klein, Mr. Matt Kersting, Ms. Kirsten Schatten, and Mr. Ken Vieira, of Segal Group, Inc. to present the PowerPoint presentations regarding Benchmarking and Medicare Advantage.

Co-Chair Rice recognized members during the presentation for questions. After questions, there being no further business before the subcommittee, this meeting was adjourned.

July 22, 2021 Meeting

We, the Executive Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council, met at 9:00 a.m. on July 22, 2021 in Room A 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. Matthew Miller, Bureau of Legislative Research, to present with updates on redistricting in Arkansas. There were no questions.

Co-Chair Rice recognized Ms. Jillian Thayer, Bureau of Legislative Research, and Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr., Senate Pro Tempore, to present the proposed consultant services agreement (*Moody Analytics*) for State Income Tax review.

Co-Chair Rice recognized members for questions and discussion. After questions, Senator Hickey was recognized for a motion.

Senator Jimmy Hickey, Jr. moved that the Executive Subcommittee recommend to the Policy-Making Subcommittee and the full ALC approval of a contract with Moody's Analytics for the scope of work presented today in the amount of \$288,000, contingent upon agreement by Moody's to the pending revisions requested by BLR; and that if the contract is not finalized by Friday, July 23, 2021, the ALC Co-Chairs be given the authority by ALC to approve the final form of the contract with those terms. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

The Subcommittee did not discuss the proposed ALC Rules amendment.

Co-Chair Rice recognized Mr. Nick Taylor, Mr. Patrick Klein, Ms. Joanna Balogh - Reynolds, and Mr. Matt Kersting, of Segal Group, Inc. to present PowerPoint presentations on Pharmacy and Clinical.

Co-Chair Rice recognized members for questions. After questions, there being no further business before the subcommittee, this meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Executive Subcommittee Co-Chairs

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