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Senator Kim Hammer, Senate Chair  
Representative Brian Evans, House Chair  
Administrative Rules Subcommittee

Attention:  
Rebecca Miller-Rice  
Administrator  
Administrative Rules Section  
Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research  
One Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Arkansas Office of Skills Development: Report on the Acts of 2023 Regular Session Requiring New Rulemaking

Dear Mrs. Miller-Rice,

Pursuant to Act 595 of 2021, the Arkansas Office of Skills Development submits the following status report concerning the promulgation of rules pursuant to newly enacted laws of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. In its Report on the Acts of the 2023 Regular Session Requiring New Rulemaking, the Bureau of Legislative Research identified Act 867 of 2023 as an Act Indirectly Referencing Required Rulemaking:

1. Vocational Start-up Funding Rule

Act 867 of 2023, Vocational Start-up Funding Rule, was comprised of the appropriation for the Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Section 11 of the act included special language requiring that funds appropriated for vocational start-ups be allocated in accordance with rules promulgated by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board.

Act 867 is codified at Arkansas Code Annotated section 6-50-106, and provides in its entirety, “Funds appropriated for vocational start-ups shall be allocated in accordance with rules promulgated by the Career Education and Workforce Development Board.” Ark. Code Ann. § 6-50-106 (2023).



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After review, our determination is that Act 867 requires the Arkansas Office of Skills Development to amend its rules and the agency is in the process of consulting with the Arkansas Department of Education and amending the Office of Skills Development's rule.

Sincerely,

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General Counsel