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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 94th 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, Title 6. Education; Subtitle 4. Vocational and Technical Education; and provides in its entirety, "Funds appropriated for vocational



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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).

After review and consultation with the Arkansas Department of Education, our determination is that instead of the Arkansas Office of Skills Development reviewing Act 867, Act 867 should be reviewed by the Arkansas Department of Education. The Arkansas Department of Education concurs in this recommendation and will be reporting to you regarding amending its rules.

Sincerely,

Allison Hatfield
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General Counsel

cc: Courtney Salas-Ford, Chief of Staff, Arkansas Department of Education