

MEMORANDUM

To: Bureau of Legislative Research

From: Samantha Blassingame, Chief Counsel

Re: Act 595 Report Date: October 2, 2025

This Memorandum serves as the required <u>Monthly Written Report on Rules Updates</u> <u>Needed Due to 2025 Enactments</u> for the Department of Inspector General and its agencies.

<u>Department of Inspector General</u>: Act 473 of 2025 (The Research and Protection Act of 2025) requires the department to adopt rules to administer Ark. Code Ann. § 6-60-1609(f). At this time, the Department is working to determine whether rules are initially necessary for administration or if rules would merely restate the law as written. The Department intends to make a final determination on that question before the next Act 595 monthly report is due on November 1, 2025.

Office of Internal Audit: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Office of Internal Audit.

<u>Fair Housing Commission</u>: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Fair Housing Commission.

Office of Medicaid Inspector General: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Office of Medicaid Inspector General.

<u>Tax Appeals Commission</u>: No newly enacted law requires the adoption of a rule by the Tax Appeals Commission.