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Re: Report on the Status of Rules

Mrs. Miller-Rice,

Please see the enclosed report by the Arkansas Department of Education to satisfy the reporting requirement under A.C.A. § 25-15-216(b)(3)(a).

Sincerely,

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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Administrative Rule Progress Report
January 1, 2026

Department of Education

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 472 | 1 | New | Rules for the Administration of the Robotics Competition Grant Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 502 | 8 | 6 CAR pt. 301 | Rule Governing the Arkansas Adult Diploma Program | The State Board of Education released this rule for public comment on 11/13/2025. The public comment period ended on December 16, 2025. The final rule is being considered at the January 8 th meeting of the State Board of Education |

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
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| 122 - 565 | 3 - 2 | 6 CAR pt. 234 | Student Discipline | This rule has been approved by the ALC and will take effect on 11/11/25. |
| 501, 729 - 340/341 | 10 - 49 | 6 CAR pt. 34 | Arkansas Military Child School Transitions | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 613 | 3 | New | Out-Of-School Time Program Grants | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 920 | 4 | 6 CAR pt. 35 | Rule Governing the Arkansas Children's Education Freedom Account Program | The State Board of Education released this rule for public comment on 11/13/2025. The public comment period closed on December 16, 2025. The final rules will be considered at the February 12, 2026 board meeting. |
| 122 - 340/341 | 3 - | 6 CAR pt. 35 | Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

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| | 9, 12, 48 | | Schools and Public School Districts | |
| 119 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 10 | Public School Policies Relating to Overnight Travel and Use of Public School Lavatories | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 809 | 6 | 6 CAR pt. 195 | The School Worker Defense Program and the School Worker Defense Program Advisory Board | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
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| 340/341 | 46 | New | Two-Year Postsecondary Education | The agency is in the review phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 51 | 6 CAR pt. 364 | State Board of Private Career Education Rules | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 - 429 | 86 | 6 CAR pt. 403 | Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |

Division of Higher Education

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
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| 340/341 | 55 | New | The Non-Credit Funding Formula | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 55 | 6 CAR pt. 360 | Productivity Funding Distribution Policy | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 55 | 6 CAR pt. 361 | Productivity Funding Model - Universities | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

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| 340/341 | 55 | 6 CAR pt. 362 | Productivity Funding Model – Two Year Colleges | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 91 | New | The ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 79 | New | Arkansas Heroes Scholarship | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 48 | New | Direct Admissions Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 116 | 9-17 | New | Arkansas Geographical Critical Needs Teacher Scholarship Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 69-71 | 6 CAR pt. 401 | Arkansas Governor's Scholars Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 57 | New | Common Course Numbering | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 79 | 6 CAR pt. 405 | Governor's Higher Education Transition Scholarship Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 63 | New | Residency Classification for State-funded Scholarships | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 566 | 52-54 7 | New | Statewide Transfer Agreement | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 340/341 | 77-78 | 6 CAR pt. 406 | Teacher Academy Scholarship Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 80-83 | 6 CAR pt. 391 | Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 74-76 | 6 CAR pt. 400 | Arkansas Future Grant Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 64-68 | 6 CAR pt. 398 | Teacher Opportunity Program | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 5 | New | Uniform Credit for Institutions of Higher Education | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 340/341 | 88 | Repeal | The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program | This rule is being repealed through the Act 781 process because the underlying legislation has been repealed. |
| 340/341 | 72 | Repeal | The Law Enforcement Officer's Dependents Scholarship Program | This rule is being repealed through the Act 781 process because the underlying legislation has been repealed. |

State Board of Education

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| 340/341 | 11 | 6 CAR pt. 96 | Grading and Course Credit | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 730 | 2 | New | The Course Choice Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 800 | 9 | 6 CAR pt. 31 | Charter Schools | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 303 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 191 | The Arkansas Teacher of the Year Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 476 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 238 | Ethical Guidelines and Prohibitions for Educational Administrators, Employees, Board Members, and Other Parties | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 197 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 238 | Background Checks | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 865 | 1 | New | Minimum Licensing Rules for Childcare Facilities | This rule has been drafted and is waiting for final review and approval. |
| 304 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 180 | Educator Licensure | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 808 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 181 | Educator Performance | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 911 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 272 | Student Special Needs Funding | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 304 - 809 - | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 192 | The Code of Ethics for Arkansas Educators | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

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| 504 | 3 | 6 CAR pt. 100 | The Arkansas Better Chance Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 195 | 5 | 6 CAR pt. 282 | Tutoring Grants | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
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| 196 | 1 | 6 CAR pt. 373 | The Graduate Medical Education Residency Expansion Board | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |

Commission for Arkansas Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation

| <u>Act</u> | <u>§</u> | <u>New/ CAR § to Amend/ Repeal</u> | <u>Rule Title</u> Rules governing . . . | <u>Status</u> |
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| 809 | 7 | 6 CAR pt. 373 | The Academic Facilities Partnership Program | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |
| 779 | 9 | 6 CAR pt. 324 | Property Insurance Requirements | The agency is in the review and drafting phase of the promulgation process for this rule. |