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MEMORANDUM

To: Bureau of Legislative Research  
From: Samantha Blassingame, Chief Counsel  
Re: Act 595 Report  
Date: February 10, 2026

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

Department of Inspector General: 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). The Department intends to seek an exemption because it believes rules are unnecessary and would merely restate the law. The Department is in the process of seeking input from stakeholders before submitting an exemption request to the Legislature.

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

Fair Housing Commission: 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.

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