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VIA EMAIL

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Jessica Whittaker Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research Administrative Rules Review Section One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Act 595 Report

Ms. Whittaker:

Below is a monthly update for Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) under Act 595 of 2021. There are two newly enacted statutes that required the promulgation of rules.

## 1. Act 263 of 2021

This Act made technical changes to the Telecommunications Access Program. With the public-comment period closed, ARS has submitted rules for inclusion on the December agenda of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

## 2. Act 282 of 2021

This Act amended the Forgiveness of Student Loan Program. With the public-comment period closed, ARS has submitted rules for inclusion on the December agenda of the Administrative Rules Subcommittee.

Thank you. If further information is needed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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