

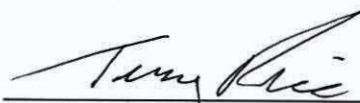
**Arkansas Legislative Council Report
For Emergency Approval of
Contract for Legal Services by and between
the Bureau of Legislative Research and
Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C.
February 21, 2023**

On February 21, 2023, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, were notified of a request for emergency action for the approval of a contract for legal services by and between the Bureau of Legislative Research and Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon & Galchus, P.C. ("CGWG"), for the purposes of providing outside legal counsel to the Bureau. Expedited approval of the amendment was required due to legal time constraints regarding the work to be performed by CGWG.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, have determined that emergency approval of the attached contract, is necessary in order to meet the requirements of the law with regard to conducting timely personnel investigations.

This action is taken by the Co-Chairs on behalf of the Legislative Council and shall be reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with Rule 16. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council