

# Exhibit F

## **2025 Act Errors and Issues**

**2025 Act Errors and Issues for Review by the  
Arkansas Code Revision Commission**

***A. Manifest References Errors***

**1. Act 205:** The language of § 21-5-1101(a)(2) at page 28, lines 10 through 12, does not reflect the current version of the Arkansas Code. As there is no markup language and no apparent intent to change this language in the act, we suggest inserting the current language to match current law:

(2)(A) The merit increase pay system shall be reviewed by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(B) If the department amends the merit increase pay system following its review under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, it shall submit the amended merit increase pay system for approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee in the same manner provided by subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(C) The department shall not implement an amended merit increase pay system prior to the approval of the amended merit increase pay system under subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section.

**2. Act 214:** On page 6, lines 26 and 27, there is a discrepancy between the word and the number description of the stated latitude - the latitude is written as thirty-four degrees forty minutes, but the number is included as 34° 46' north.

**3. Act 309:** Page 4, lines 10 and 12, reference an individual involved in an "accident, disaster, or other event". However, page 4, line 16, references the solicitation of an individual more than fourteen (14) days after the date of the "motor vehicle accident". It appears "accident, disaster, or other event" should have been used in place of "motor vehicle accident" at page 4, line 16.

**4. Act 392:** The language of § 17-42-515(3) at page 27, lines 26 through 28, does not reflect the current version of the Arkansas Code. As there is no markup language and no apparent intent to change this language in the act, we suggest inserting the current language to match current law:

(3) Committing an act, a felony listed under § 17-3-102, or a crime involving violence, fraud, dishonesty, untruthfulness, or untrustworthiness regardless of whether the imposition of the sentence has been deferred or suspended;

**5. Act 435:** Newly created § 17-46-304 at page 5, lines 30 through 33, provides that the Department of Health may promulgate rules relating to the certification and regulation of community health workers under this "subchapter". The act creates a new chapter known as the Community Health Worker Act. This rulemaking provision as drafted would only apply to Subchapter 3 of the chapter (titled "Miscellaneous Provisions"), but Subchapter 2 directly addresses certifications, which are referenced in the rulemaking language. It appears "chapter" might have been intended rather than "subchapter".

**6. Act 599:** The act changes the term "felony" to "offense" throughout § 5-10-104(a)(4) to account for the addition of a violation of the Uniformed Controlled Substance Act involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance at page 2, lines 25 through 27. However, one "felony" reference was not changed at page 2, line 29. It appears this "felony" should be changed to "offense" for consistency.

**7. Act 706:** The act amends § 8-7-907(a). At page 1, lines 25 and 26, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission is referenced as setting a deductible by rule. However, on page 2, lines 10 through 12, there is a reference to a deductible established by the "division" (meaning the Division of Environmental Quality) rather than the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission. Given that the commission is mentioned again as a rulemaking authority at page 2, line 15, it appears "division" was intended to be "Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission."

## ***B. Grammatical Errors***

**1. Acts 262 and 557:** It appears § 23-39-522(d)(6) on page 28, lines 18 through 28, may be subdivided incorrectly. It appears that (A) and (B) at page 28, lines 23 through 26 relate to the lead-in language "unless the customer information is" but (C) at page 28, lines 27 and 28 ties back to the earlier phrase "used in connection with the provision of a financial report or service to the customer." The same issue is present in Act 557 with § 23-55-1103(d)(6) on page 21, lines 6 through 16. It appears that this subdivided structure would be grammatically correct:

(6) Developing, implementing, and  
maintaining procedures for the secure disposal of  
customer information in any format no later than two  
(2) years after the last date the customer  
information is used in connection with the provision  
of a financial product or service to the customer,  
unless:

(A) The customer information is:

(i) Necessary for business  
operations or for other legitimate business purposes;  
or

(ii) Otherwise required to  
be retained by state law or rule, or federal law or  
regulation; or

(B) Targeted disposal is not  
reasonably feasible due to the manner in which the  
information is maintained;

**2. Act 501:** Subdivisions 6-28-108(d)(4) at page 5, line 34 and (5) at page 6, line 2, are missing a verb. The preceding items in the list start with "shall" or "shall not" (see page 5, lines 10, 19, and 32) but the verb is missing for (4) and (5). It appears that "shall" was the intended verb based on the actions in the subdivision.

### ***C. Other Errors and Issues***

**1. Act 197:** The act creates § 6-17-414(g)(5)(D), which is subdivided to include a (i) and (ii). At page 1, line 33, the connector "and" is used. It appears "or" may have been the intended connector, as otherwise an additional disqualifying conviction would only invalidate a waiver if the employee had a break in employment.

**2. Act 350:** Section 7 of the bill creates § 23-92-512. Subsection (c) starting at page 7, line 8, provides that a claim to a pharmacy benefits manager that is not paid within an allotted time frame or "is contested" within an allotted time frame shall be deemed a clean claim and paid by the pharmacy benefits manager. It appears the word "not" should have been placed before "contested" at page 7, line 8, to mirror claims that are "not paid".

**3. Act 461:** The act restructures § 4-38-503(d), including adding a new (1) at page 3, line 4. This new (1) is part of a list and includes an "or" as a connector. However, it appears this connector should be an "and", as the items are describing the operation of the section on a lien rather than a creditor's conduct or actions.

**4. Act 713:** A reference to "emergency guardian" was added to § 28-65-207(b) at page 10, line 1. This subsection deals with the appointment of a guardian in general, not an emergency guardian. The term "guardian" appears twice on that line and it appears the change was made to the wrong reference. It appears the word "temporary" should have been stricken and replaced with "emergency" and the "an emergency" in the act should be deleted as there is no apparent intent to narrow the statute to only emergency guardianships.

**5. Act 796:** Section 19 of the act amends § 25-11-205, the creation section for the Board of the Division of State Services for the Blind, to change its name to the Board of the Division of State Services for the Deaf and Blind (page 32, lines 7 and 8) and also changes a reference to the Division of State Services for the Blind to the Division of State Services for the Deaf and Blind (page 34, line 5). However, the statute creating the

Division of State Services for the Blind is not amended by the act to make a similar change and the board and the division may have no powers or duties pertaining to individuals who are deaf. It appears these additions to § 25-11-205 may be unnecessary.

**6. Act 798:** It appears the uses of "shall" and "may" may be inconsistent on page 1, lines 29 and 30. Section 23-117-103(b)(1) uses discretionary language at page 1, lines 28, and 29, and then says that the Arkansas Racing Commission "may" also maintain a statewide self-exclusion list. However, later language on page 1, line 30, provides that the commission "shall" take certain actions despite the discretionary language at the beginning of the subdivision.

**7. Act 800:** The revision to § 6-23-703 in Section 27 of the act (pages 26 through 28) reads incorrectly due to an engrossing error. As amended by the act, the section contains subsections (a) through (c) on page 26, lines 8 through 29, and then subsections (a) through (e) on page 27, line 21, through page 28, line 8. It appears the language currently on page 26, lines 8 through 29, should replace the language at page 27, lines 21 through 29, with a formatting change to change "(c)" to "(c)(1)" at page 26, line 25, "(c)(1)" to "(d)(1)" on page 27, line 33, "(d)" to "(e)" on page 28, line 5, and "(e)" to "(f)" on page 28, line 7, and a reference change from "(b)(1)" to "(c)(1)" on page 27, line 31. It appears there also should be a name change from "state board" to "secretary" on page 27, line 30, because the written notice of appeal is filed with the secretary under what would be subdivision (c)(1) on page 26, lines 27 and 28.

#### ***D. Conflicts Involving the Repeal of a Provision***

**1. Identical Acts 340 and 341, § 12** amended § 6-15-1004(b)(2)(C). **Act 304, § 1** repealed § 6-15-1004(b)(2)(C).

**2. Identical Acts 340 and 341, § 99** amended § 23-115-802. **Act 429, § 13** repealed § 23-115-802.

**3. Act 353, §§ 1 and 2** amended §§ 6-85-402 and 6-85-405 and **Act 429, § 2** amended § 6-85-404. **Identical Acts 340 and 341, § 88** repealed §§ 6-85-401 et seq.

**4. Act 360, § 1** amended § 6-14-111(e)(1)(B) to provide that the one-week filing period for school board elections began as 12:00 noon. **Act 503, § 12** repealed § 6-14-111(e)(1)(B) and enacted new language concerning the filing period.

**5. Act 405, § 2** amended § 6-14-111(k)(2). **Act 503, § 14** repealed § 6-14-111(k)(2).

**6. Act 500, § 2** amended § 3-9-221(a)(3)(E)(ii). **Act 421, § 3** repealed § 3-9-221(a)(3)(E)(ii).

**7. Act 500, § 2** amended § 3-9-221(a)(1) and (a)(2)(C). **Act 762, § 12** repealed § 3-9-221(a)(1) and (a)(2)(C).

**8. Act 662, § 34** amended § 9-27-303(15)(B) to amend the definition of "delinquent juvenile" to reference the offense of capital rape. **Act 755, § 1** made several revisions to § 9-27-303(15)(B) and repealed the language to which capital rape was being added.

**9. Act 762, § 12** amended § 3-9-221(b)(1)(A). **Act 500, § 2** repealed § 3-9-221(b)(1)(A).

### ***E. Conflicts Involving Amendments to a Provision***

**1. Act 288, § 1** repealed the list of agencies in § 22-6-601(a)(1)(A) and created a new list of agencies at § 22-6-601(a)(2). **Act 944, § 19** amended § 22-6-601(a)(1)(A) to include the Arkansas Development Finance Authority among a list of agencies. Though the language amended by Act 944 was repealed by Act 288, similar language was reenacted at § 22-6-601(a)(2) by Act 288.

**2. Act 326, § 1** amended § 2-40-106(b)(2)(A) and (B) to provide for rulemaking by the Department of Agriculture. **Act 703, § 25** amended (b)(2)(A) to provide for rulemaking by the Arkansas Board of Animal Health rather than the Department of Agriculture.

**3. Act 384, § 2** amended § 20-13-1102(b) to repeal "of the Department of Health" from a reference to the Division of Emergency Medical Services concerning the conducting of criminal background checks. **Act 863, § 25** amended § 20-13-1102(b) to repeal the reference to the "Division of Emergency Services" to provide that the Department of Health shall conduct the criminal background checks. If both Acts are given effect, then no entity will be listed to conduct the criminal background checks.

**4. Act 391, § 1** amended § 23-81-203(c). **Act 958, § 1** also amended § 23-81-203(c) with language that is similar to Act 391 but contains some irreconcilable differences, such as the time period for making a payment and the basis for calculating the applicable rate of interest.



# Exhibit F

## A. Manifest Reference Errors

1. Act 205
2. Act 214
3. Act 309
4. Act 392
5. Act 435
6. Act 599
7. Act 706

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 205** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: S2/5/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 147

By: Senator J. Dotson

By: Representative Gazaway

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED SERVICES; TO  
CHANGE THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION  
AND *SHARED SERVICES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY;* AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED  
SERVICES; AND TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSFORMATION AND SHARED  
*SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-21-112(e), concerning technology liaisons  
to the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation, is  
amended to read as follows:*

*(e)(1) The Secretary of the Department of ~~Transformation and Shared~~  
Administrative Services shall assign one (1) individual to serve as a  
technology liaison to the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and  
Transportation.*

*(2) The secretary shall assign one (1) individual from the staff  
of the Building Authority Division to serve as a physical plant liaison to  
the Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation.*

*SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-63-602 is amended to read as follows:*



1 Public School Life and Health Insurance Program on behalf of state employees.

2  
3 SECTION 54. Arkansas Code § 21-5-1101(a), concerning definitions in  
4 the merit increase pay system, is amended to read as follows:

5 (a)(1) The Department of ~~Transformation and Shared~~ Administrative  
6 Services is authorized to develop and establish a merit increase pay system  
7 in accordance with the performance evaluation process under § 21-5-1001 et  
8 seq. for employees of all state agencies, boards, and commissions covered by  
9 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, § 21-5-201 et seq.

10 (2) The merit increase pay system shall be reviewed by the  
11 Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint  
12 Budget Committee.

13  
14 SECTION 55. Arkansas Code § 21-5-1202(b), concerning the compensation  
15 of employees of state agencies and state-supported institutions of higher  
16 education – Emergency activities, is amended to read as follows:

17 (b) The Department of ~~Transformation and Shared~~ Administrative  
18 Services shall establish appropriate procedures for the administration of  
19 this section.

20  
21 SECTION 56. Arkansas Code § 21-11-104(a), concerning the procedure for  
22 submission of suggestions, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) The Secretary of the Department of ~~Transformation and Shared~~  
24 Administrative Services, or his or her designee, is directed to develop and  
25 adopt rules in accordance with this chapter for the administration of the  
26 Employee Suggestion System.

27  
28 SECTION 57. Arkansas Code § 22-2-104 is amended to read as follows:

29 22-2-104. Creation of Building Authority Division.

30 (a) There is created within the Department of ~~Transformation and~~  
31 Shared Administrative Services the Building Authority Division.

32 (b) The division shall carry out the duties and responsibilities set  
33 out in § 22-2-108 under the policies, guidelines, standards, and procedures  
34 established by the Department of ~~Transformation and Shared~~ Administrative  
35 Services.

**21-5-1101. Merit increase pay system — Definition.**

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(2)(A) The merit increase pay system shall be reviewed by the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

(B) If the department amends the merit increase pay system following its review under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, it shall submit the amended merit increase pay system for approval by the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee in the same manner provided by subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(C) The department shall not implement an amended merit increase pay system prior to the approval of the amended merit increase pay system under subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section.

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History: Acts 1999, No. 1061, § 1; 2001, No. 1461, § 12; 2003 (1st Ex. Sess.), No. 22, § 4; 2007, No. 289, § 1; 2007, No. 799, § 2; 2009, No. 688, § 14; 2011, No. 1017, § 10; 2013, No. 1321, § 6; 2017, No. 365, § 27; 2019, No. 910, § 6149; 2023, No. 886, § 3; 2024, No. 172, § 6.

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 214** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H2/13/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1441

By: Representative S. Meeks

By: Senator Stone

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
COORDINATE SYSTEM OF 1983.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-21-206(4), concerning powers and duties  
of the State Surveyor, is amended to read as follows:

(4) To extend throughout the state a triangulation and leveling  
net of precision whereby the Arkansas Plane Coordinate System ~~1983~~, § 15-21-  
301 et seq., already initiated in this state by the National Geodetic Survey  
may be made to cover to the necessary extent those areas of the state that do  
not now have enough geodetic control stations to permit the general use of  
the system by land surveyors and others;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 15-21-301 is amended to read as follows:

15-21-301. Designation of system.

The system of plane coordinates which has been established by the  
National Geodetic Survey or its successors, based on the National Spatial  
Reference System or its successors, and known as the State Plane Coordinate  
System or its successors for defining and stating the positions or locations  
~~of points on the surface of the earth~~ within the State of Arkansas ~~is to~~  
shall be known ~~and designated~~ as the "Arkansas Plane Coordinate System ~~1983~~".



1 subdivision (b)(1) of this section, one (1) foot equals 1200/3937 meters  
2 exactly.

3 (c)(1)(A) Both the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983 and the Arkansas  
4 Coordinate System 1927 are divided into a north and south zone.

5 (B) The north zone is assigned code 0301, and the south  
6 zone is assigned code 0302.

7 (2) The zones in both systems are Lambert conformal conic map  
8 projections.

9 (d)(1)(A) Both the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983 and the Arkansas  
10 Coordinate System 1927 north zone have standard parallels at north latitudes  
11 of thirty-four degrees fifty-six minutes (34° 56' north) and thirty-six  
12 degrees fourteen minutes (36° 14' north), along which parallels the scale is  
13 exact.

14 (B) The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of  
15 the meridian ninety-two degrees zero minutes west of Greenwich (92° 00' west)  
16 and the parallel thirty-four degrees twenty minutes north latitude (34° 20'  
17 north).

18 (C) For the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983, this origin  
19 is given the coordinates of east equals four hundred thousand meters (400,000  
20 m.) and north equals zero meters (0.0 m.).

21 (D) For the Arkansas Coordinate System 1927, this origin  
22 is given the coordinates x equals two million United States survey feet  
23 (2,000,000') and y equals zero (0') United States survey feet.

24 (2)(A) Both the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983 and the Arkansas  
25 Coordinate System 1927 south zone have standard parallels at north latitudes  
26 of thirty-three degrees eighteen minutes (33° 18' north) and thirty-four  
27 degrees forty minutes (34° 46' north), along which parallels the scale shall  
28 be exact.

29 (B) The origin of coordinates is at the intersection of  
30 the meridian ninety-two degrees zero minutes west of Greenwich (92° 0' west)  
31 and the parallel thirty-two degrees forty minutes north latitude (32° 40'  
32 north).

33 (C) For the Arkansas Coordinate System 1983, the origin is  
34 given the coordinates of east equals four hundred thousand meters (400,000  
35 m.), and north equals four hundred thousand meters (400,000 m.).

36 (D) For the Arkansas Coordinate System 1927, the origin is

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 309 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H2/11/25 H2/18/25 H2/20/25 S3/10/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1405

By: Representatives J. Richardson, Gramlich, L. Johnson

By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING PROCURERS; TO  
ADD ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF A  
PROCURER BY A LICENSED CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE STATUTES CONCERNING  
PROCURERS; AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL  
REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF A  
PROCURER BY A LICENSED CHIROPRACTIC  
PHYSICIAN.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-81-107(a), concerning the definitions  
related to the use of a procurer by a chiropractic physician, is amended to  
add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(3) "Solicit" means the initiation of in-person communication,  
telemarketing communication, telephonic communication, text message  
communication, internet direct message communication, or any other electronic  
direct message communication, or any combination of communications, by a  
chiropractic physician, including by his or her employee, agent, independent  
contractor, or procurer.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-81-107(b), concerning the use of a  
procurer by a chiropractic physician, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) A chiropractic physician who uses a procurer is required to:



1 obtained by the individual; and

2 (vi) Any moneys shared by the procurer with other  
3 persons for conducting work as a procurer;

4  
5 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-81-107, concerning the use of a procurer  
6 by a chiropractic physician, is amended to add additional subsections to read  
7 as follows:

8 (i) A chiropractic physician, including his or her employee, agent,  
9 independent contractor, or procurer, shall not solicit an individual who has  
10 been involved in an accident, disaster, or other event that causes injury for  
11 the purpose of treating injuries that the individual sustained or may have  
12 sustained in the accident, disaster, or other event unless:

13 (1) The chiropractic physician has a family or prior  
14 professional relationship with the individual; or

15 (2) The chiropractic physician solicits the individual more than  
16 fourteen (14) days after the date of the motor vehicle accident.

17 (j) A chiropractic physician shall have solicited services if the  
18 chiropractic physician performs services on an individual who is referred by:

19 (1) A procurer registered under this section of the chiropractic  
20 physician; or

21 (2) Any person who receives compensation from the chiropractic  
22 physician in consideration of referrals, regardless of the relationship  
23 between the referring person and chiropractic physician.

24 (k) Direct solicitation of a person who is under eighteen (18) years  
25 of age is prohibited.

26 (l) A chiropractic physician is liable for any representation made by  
27 a procurer soliciting services on behalf of the chiropractic physician,  
28 regardless of the existence of any written contract between the chiropractor  
29 and a procurer, if:

30 (1) The chiropractic physician provides or has provided  
31 compensation to the procurer for referrals; and

32 (2) A reasonable expectation exists that the procurer will be  
33 compensated for referring individuals to the chiropractic physician.

34 (m) Solicitation conducted by a procurer shall not:

35 (1) Initiate from a telephone number other than the telephone  
36 number registered with the board;



Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 392** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/5/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1558

By: Representatives McGrew, R. Scott Richardson, Bentley, R. Burkes, Duffield, Furman, Long,  
McClure, Torres

By: Senator Caldwell

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS REAL  
ESTATE COMMISSION; TO CREATE A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
BROKER AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE LICENSE; TO  
AMEND THE REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
REAL ESTATE COMMISSION; TO CREATE A  
PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BROKER AND PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATE LICENSE; AND TO  
AMEND THE REAL ESTATE LICENSE LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The Arkansas Real Estate Commission currently requires an  
individual to have a real estate broker license issued through the commission  
to rent or lease real property on behalf of an owner;

(2) The knowledge and skills necessary for a property management  
broker to protect citizens and the business community can be specialized and  
does not require the same skills and knowledge as those for a real estate  
broker or salesperson;

(3) A property management broker license could create a higher quality  
of property management broker in Arkansas with specialized knowledge;



1 (5) Identify subject matter topics for which licensed schools  
2 and instructors may develop courses that fulfill the annual continuing  
3 education requirements.

4 (b)(1) The commission may develop the curricula for prelicense and  
5 postlicense education.

6 (2) Prelicense and postlicense courses that are intended to  
7 satisfy the education requirements for a property management license shall be  
8 approved by the commission for participation and attendance by applicants for  
9 property management licensure.

10 (3) Prelicense and postlicense courses that are intended to  
11 satisfy the education requirements for a real estate license shall only be  
12 approved by the commission for participation and attendance by applicants for  
13 a real estate license.

14  
15 SECTION 38. Arkansas Code § 17-42-515 is amended to read as follows:  
16 17-42-515. Violations.

17 An applicant for a ~~real estate educator~~ license or a licensee under  
18 this chapter is subject to disciplinary action under this subchapter if the  
19 applicant for a ~~real estate educator~~ license or a licensee pleads guilty or  
20 nolo contendere to or is found guilty of any of the following:

21 (1) Obtaining a ~~real estate educator license~~ an instructor  
22 license, school license, or real estate education course approval by fraud,  
23 misrepresentation, or concealment;

24 (2) Violating this subchapter, the rules adopted by the Arkansas  
25 Real Estate Commission, or an order issued by the commission;

26 (3) Committing an act, a felony, or a crime involving moral  
27 turpitude, fraud, dishonesty, untruthfulness, or untrustworthiness regardless  
28 of whether the imposition of the sentence has been deferred or suspended;

29 (4) Engaging or allowing unlawful discriminatory practices;

30 (5) Violating the requirements of the Americans with  
31 Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq., regarding access to and  
32 delivery of real estate or property management education courses;

33 (6) Issuing or reporting a false certificate of completion for a  
34 real estate or property management education course;

35 (7) Teaching a course in a way that instructs licensees to  
36 engage in unlawful or noncompliant activities;

## **17-42-515. Violations.**

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(3) Committing an act, a felony listed under § 17-3-102, or a crime involving violence, fraud, dishonesty, untruthfulness, or untrustworthiness regardless of whether the imposition of the sentence has been deferred or suspended;

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**History:** Acts 2013, No. 281, § 3; 2015, No. 1156, § 9; 2019, No. 990, § 47.

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**Act 435** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/13/25 S3/18/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1258

By: Representative L. Johnson

*By: Senator Irvin*

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT; TO  
ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY  
HEALTH WORKERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER  
ACT; AND TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE  
CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH  
WORKERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, is amended to add an additional  
chapter to read as follows:

#### CHAPTER 46

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT

#### Subchapter 1 - General Provisions

#### 17-46-101. Title.

This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Community Health  
Worker Act".

#### 17-46-102. Definitions.

#### As used in this chapter:

(1) "Community health worker" means an individual who is a



1 professional license under subtitle 3 of this title or specialized training  
2 under § 20-77-2301 et seq., such as first aid and diabetic foot checks; or

3 (ii) Are not met by a personal care attendant;

4 (2) Advocating for individuals and communities;

5 (3) Building individual and community capacity;

6 (4) Implementing individual and community assessments, including  
7 without limitation:

8 (A) Basic home environmental assessments; and

9 (B) Basic health screening and tests;

10 (5) Conducting outreach, such as health literacy services; and

11 (6) Participating in evaluation and research, including without  
12 limitation health education and community research activities.

13  
14 17-46-302. Patient and personal data and information.

15 (a) Patient and personal data and information accessed or attained by  
16 a community health worker is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of  
17 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq., and is confidential and  
18 privileged as otherwise required by federal law.

19 (b) If a community health worker does not maintain the confidential  
20 and privileged nature of the patient data or information, the community  
21 health worker shall be subject to any penalty under state and federal law for  
22 a breach of confidential patient data or information.

23  
24 17-46-303. Community health worker compensation.

25 A community health worker certified under this chapter shall receive  
26 compensation for services provided from:

27 (1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program; or

28 (2) A health benefit plan.

29  
30 17-46-304. Rules.

31 The Department of Health may promulgate rules relating to the  
32 certification and regulation of community health workers under this  
33 subchapter.

34  
35 */s/L. Johnson*

36 **APPROVED: 4/3/25**

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**Act 599** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/19/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1630

By: Representative Gazaway

By: Senator Gilmore

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CAPITAL MURDER,  
MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER; TO ADD  
A MISDEMEANOR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE OFFENSE TO THE  
PREDICATE OFFENSES FOR CAPITAL MURDER, MURDER IN THE  
FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ADD A MISDEMEANOR CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCE OFFENSE TO THE PREDICATE  
OFFENSES FOR CAPITAL MURDER, MURDER IN  
THE FIRST DEGREE, AND MANSLAUGHTER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-10-101(a)(1), concerning predicate  
felonies for capital murder, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Acting alone or with one (1) or more other persons:

(A) The person commits or attempts to commit:

(i) Terrorism, as defined in § 5-54-205;

(ii) Rape, § 5-14-103;

(iii) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102;

(iv) Vehicular piracy, § 5-11-105;

(v) Robbery, § 5-12-102;

(vi) Aggravated robbery, § 5-12-103;

(vii) Residential burglary, § 5-39-201(a);

(viii) Commercial burglary, § 5-39-201(b);



(ix) Aggravated residential burglary, § 5-39-204;  
(x) A ~~felony~~ violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-508, involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance; or

(xi) First degree escape, § 5-54-110; and  
(B) In the course of and in furtherance of the ~~felony~~ offense or in immediate flight from the ~~felony~~ offense, the person or an accomplice causes the death of a person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-10-102(a)(1), concerning predicate felonies for murder in the first degree, is amended to read as follows:

(1) Acting alone or with one (1) or more other persons:

(A) The person commits or attempts to commit a felony or a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-508, involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance; and

(B) In the course of and in the furtherance of the ~~felony~~ offense or in immediate flight from the ~~felony~~ offense, the person or an accomplice causes the death of any person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-10-104(a)(4), concerning the predicate felonies for manslaughter, is amended to read as follows:

(4) Acting alone or with one (1) or more persons:

(A) The person commits or attempts to commit a felony or a violation of the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-508, involving an actual delivery of a controlled substance; and

(B) In the course of and in furtherance of the ~~felony~~ offense or in immediate flight from the ~~felony~~ offense:

(i) The person or an accomplice negligently causes the death of any person; or

(ii) Another person who is resisting the ~~felony~~ offense or flight causes the death of any person.

/s/Gazaway

APPROVED: 4/14/25

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Act 706 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/18/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1277

By: Representative Gramlich

By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PAYMENTS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION  
REGARDING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PAYMENTS FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION  
REGARDING PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 8-7-907(a), concerning payments for  
corrective action regarding petroleum storage tanks, is amended to read as  
follows:

(a)(1)(A) ~~No A~~ payment for corrective action shall not be paid from  
the Petroleum Storage Tank Trust Fund until the owner or operator has  
expended ~~seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500)~~ the deductible set by  
the rule of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission on  
corrective action for the occurrence, except in cases in which the Director  
of the Division of Environmental Quality is using emergency authority under §  
8-7-905(e).

(B) It is the intent of the General Assembly that this  
initial level of expenditure be considered the equivalent of an insurance  
policy deductible.

(2) Owners or operators of underground storage tanks must  
demonstrate financial responsibility for the ~~seven thousand five hundred-~~  
~~dollar~~ deductible for corrective actions.





1           SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 8-7-907(d), concerning payments for  
2     corrective action regarding petroleum storage tanks, is amended to read as  
3     follows:

4           ~~(d)(1)(A) Payment for corrective action may be denied if the storage~~  
5     ~~tank owner or operator fails to report a release as required by rule~~  
6     ~~promulgated by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission, and the~~  
7     ~~failure to report the release causes a delay in the corrective action that~~  
8     ~~contributes to an adverse impact to the environment.~~ The amount of the  
9     deductible incurred by the owner or operator before the owner or operator is  
10    eligible to receive payment for corrective action shall be established by  
11    rule by the division with the advice and input of the Advisory Committee on  
12    Petroleum Storage Tanks.

13                   (B) However, the amount of the deductible shall not be  
14    greater than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

15           (2)(A) The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission,  
16    with the advice and input of the Advisory Committee on Petroleum Storage  
17    Tanks, shall provide through rule a deductible that is more than seven  
18    thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) but does not exceed thirty thousand  
19    dollars (\$30,000) for violations of rules of the division as identified at  
20    the time of the request for payment for corrective action.

21                   (B) The rule may differentiate the variation of the  
22    deductible based on the provision or section of the commission rule that was  
23    violated.

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25                                   /s/Gramlich

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28                                   APPROVED: 4/16/25

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## **B. Grammatical Errors**

1. Acts 262 & 557
2. Act 501

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 262** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1466

By: Representative Achor  
By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FAIR MORTGAGE LENDING ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-39-502 is amended to read as follows:  
23-39-502. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Affiliate" means a person that directly or indirectly  
through one (1) or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by, or is  
under common control with the person;

(2)(A) "Allowable assets for liquidity" means assets that may be  
used to satisfy liquidity requirements under this subchapter.

(B) "Allowable assets for liquidity" includes without  
limitation:

(i) Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents; and

(ii) Unencumbered investment-grade assets held for  
sale or trade;

(3) "Applicant" means a person that has applied to become  
licensed under this subchapter as a loan officer, transitional loan officer,  
mortgage broker, mortgage banker, or mortgage servicer;

(4) "Authorized user" means an employee, contractor, agent, or  
other person that participates in a financial institution's business  
operations and is authorized to access and use a financial institution's



1 networks and at rest.

2 (B) To the extent the financial institution determines  
3 that encryption of customer information, either in transit over external  
4 networks or at rest, is infeasible, the financial institution may instead  
5 secure the customer information using effective alternative compensating  
6 controls reviewed and approved by the financial institution's qualified  
7 individual;

8 (4) Adopting secure development practices for in-house developed  
9 applications utilized by the financial institution for transmitting,  
10 accessing, or storing customer information and procedures for evaluating,  
11 assessing, or testing the security of externally developed applications the  
12 financial institution utilizes to transmit, access, or store customer  
13 information;

14 (5) Implementing multifactor authentication for an individual  
15 accessing an information system, unless the financial institution's qualified  
16 individual has approved in writing the use of reasonably equivalent or more  
17 secure access controls;

18 (6) Developing, implementing, and maintaining procedures for the  
19 secure disposal of customer information in any format no later than two (2)  
20 years after the last date the customer information is used in connection with  
21 the provision of a financial product or service to the customer, unless the  
22 customer information is:

23 (A) Necessary for business operations or for other  
24 legitimate business purposes;

25 (B) Otherwise required to be retained by state law or  
26 rule, or federal law or regulation; or

27 (C) Where targeted disposal is not reasonably feasible due  
28 to the manner in which the information is maintained;

29 (7) Periodically reviewing the financial institution's data  
30 retention policy to minimize the unnecessary retention of data;

31 (8) Adopting procedures for change management; and

32 (9) Implementing policies, procedures, and controls designed to  
33 monitor and log the activity of authorized users and detect unauthorized  
34 access or use of, or tampering with, customer information by these users.

35 (e)(1) A financial institution shall regularly test or otherwise  
36 monitor the effectiveness of the safeguards' key controls, systems, and

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Act 557 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/11/25 H3/17/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1467

By: Representatives Achor, *McCollum*

By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-55-102, concerning the definitions used under the Uniform Money Services Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(24) "Elder adult" means a person who is sixty years of age or older.

(25) "Existing customer" means a consumer who:

(A) is engaging in a transaction at a virtual currency kiosk in the state; and

(B) has been registered for more than seventy-two hours as a customer of the:

(i) owner of the virtual currency kiosk; or

(ii) virtual currency kiosk operator.

(26)(A) "Money transmission kiosk" or "virtual currency kiosk" means an automated, unstaffed electronic machine that allows users to engage in money transmission, including any machine that is capable of accepting or dispensing cash in exchange for virtual currency.

(B) "Money transmission kiosk" or "virtual currency kiosk" does not include consumer cellular telephones and other similar personal devices.



1 information;

2 (5) implementing multi-factor authentication for an individual  
3 accessing an information system, unless the financial institution's qualified  
4 individual has approved in writing the use of reasonably equivalent or more  
5 secure access controls;

6 (6) developing, implementing, and maintaining procedures for the  
7 secure disposal of customer information in any format no later than two years  
8 after the last date the customer information is used in connection with the  
9 provision of a financial product or service to the customer, unless the  
10 customer information is:

11 (A) necessary for business operations or for other  
12 legitimate business purposes;

13 (B) otherwise required to be retained by state law or  
14 rule, or federal law or regulation; or

15 (C) where targeted disposal is not reasonably feasible due  
16 to the manner in which the information is maintained;

17 (7) periodically reviewing the financial institution's data  
18 retention policy to minimize the unnecessary retention of data;

19 (8) adopting procedures for change management; and

20 (9) implementing policies, procedures and controls designed to  
21 monitor and log the activity of authorized users and detect unauthorized  
22 access or use of, or tampering with, customer information by these users.

23 (e)(1) A financial institution shall regularly test or otherwise  
24 monitor the effectiveness of the safeguards' key controls, systems, and  
25 procedures of the safeguards required under this section, including those to  
26 detect actual and attempted attacks on or intrusions into information  
27 systems.

28 (2)(A) For information systems, monitoring and testing shall  
29 include continuous monitoring or periodic penetration testing and  
30 vulnerability assessments.

31 (B) Absent effective continuous monitoring or other  
32 systems to detect, on an ongoing basis, changes in information systems that  
33 may create vulnerabilities, the financial institution shall conduct:

34 (i) annual penetration testing of a financial  
35 institution's information systems determined each given year based on  
36 relevant identified risks according to the risk assessment; and

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(6) Developing, implementing, and maintaining procedures for the secure disposal of customer information in any format no later than two (2) years after the last date the customer information is used in connection with the provision of a financial product or service to the customer, unless:

(A) The customer information is:

(i) Necessary for business operations or for other legitimate business purposes; or

(ii) Otherwise required to be retained by state law or rule, or federal law or regulation; or

(B) Targeted disposal is not reasonably feasible due to the manner in which the information is maintained;

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**Act 501** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/10/25 H3/19/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1545

By: Representative K. Brown

By: Senator J. English

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL  
TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD  
SCHOOL TRANSITIONS ACT OF 2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds:

(1) Arkansas adopted the Interstate Compact on Educational  
Opportunity for Military Children in 2013, but found it ineffective in  
supporting National Guard and highly mobile active-duty families;

(2) To untether support for military families, Arkansas  
established the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act of 2021,  
expanding eligibility and resources offered to uniformed services families;

(3) Arkansas is the only state that has taken an independent,  
parallel path outside of the compact to better serve our highly mobile  
uniformed services families;

(4) On December 31, 2024, the United States Department of  
Defense reported to the United States Congress that, "States could consider  
the benefits of implementing the Arkansas model for a statute outside the  
Compact"; and

(5) Arkansas is recognized for initiative, innovation, and  
responsiveness to meeting emerging needs of uniformed services families.

(b) This act further improves the Arkansas Military Child School





1 activities, including without limitation individual and team sports, clubs,  
2 junior reserve officer training corps opportunities, and Purple Star School  
3 program ambassadors; and

4 (D) Contact information for the designated military family  
5 education coordinator and the Purple Star School program military family  
6 education facilitator, if applicable; and

7 ~~(D)~~(E) Other relevant information regarding the public  
8 school.

9 ~~(3)~~(d) A public school:

10 ~~(A)~~(1) Shall, in determining the acceptance of a student's  
11 enrollment in the public school, consider the:

12 (A) The student's enrollment application date and the  
13 anticipated date of enrollment of a the student under subdivision (a)(1)  
14 subsection (a) of this section in light of;

15 ~~(i)~~(B) Class sizes;

16 ~~(ii)~~(C) Course prerequisites or conflicts; and

17 ~~(iii)~~(D) The availability of elective courses;

18 ~~(B)~~(2)(A) May preregister a student in anticipation of the  
19 student's enrollment under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and Shall not  
20 deny a student enrollment in the public school or the public school district  
21 under this section unless there is a lack of capacity.

22 (B) A lack of capacity may be claimed by a public school  
23 district only if:

24 (i) The public school district has reached the  
25 maximum student-to-teacher ratio allowed under federal law, state law, the  
26 Standards for Accreditation for Public Schools and School Districts, state  
27 rules, or other applicable federal regulations; and

28 (ii) The claim of lack of capacity is timely and  
29 consistent with state and federal law;

30 ~~(C)~~(3) May seek waivers from the State Board of Education to  
31 accommodate a student under this section, including without limitation  
32 required class ratios Shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, national  
33 origin, race, ethnicity, religion, military family status, or disability;

34 (4) Notify a prospective student's family in writing regarding  
35 whether the student's enrollment has been accepted or rejected within fifteen  
36 (15) calendar days of receiving the student's enrollment application and

1 supporting documentation; and

2 (5) As soon as practicable, request that a sending district  
3 provide a student's official education record as specified by § 6-28-107 to  
4 confirm the student's provisional enrollment, placement, and course  
5 preregistration conditions.

6 ~~(b)(1)~~(e)(1) A student under this section shall receive equitable  
7 access to academic courses.

8 (2)(A) A receiving district may enter academic course requests  
9 on behalf of an incoming student under this section based on the student's  
10 transcript of information sent by the student's family or the student's  
11 sending district.

12 (B) Special power of attorney relative to the guardianship  
13 of a student is sufficient for purposes of enrollment and all other actions  
14 requiring parental participation and consent.

15 ~~(e)(1)~~(f)(1) A receiving district shall not charge local tuition to a  
16 student who transitions to the receiving district under this section and who  
17 has been placed in the care of a noncustodial parent or other person standing  
18 in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction other than that of the custodial  
19 parent.

20 (2) A student who has been placed in the care of a noncustodial  
21 parent or other person standing in loco parentis who lives in a jurisdiction  
22 other than that of the custodial parent may continue to attend the school in  
23 which he or she was enrolled while residing with the custodial parent.

24 ~~(d)~~(g) A receiving district shall ensure a student who transitions  
25 under this section has the opportunity to participate in extracurricular  
26 activities, regardless of application deadlines, and to the extent that the  
27 student is otherwise qualified.

28  
29 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-28-109 is amended to read as follows:

30 6-28-109. Virtual course enrollment.

31 (a) At the request of a military family, a receiving district may  
32 enroll an inbound transitioning child of a military family in virtual  
33 distance-learning or digital coursework, if available, to facilitate a smooth  
34 transition between the student's previous coursework and the curriculum best  
35 suited to ensure educational success in his or her new school.

36 (b) To prevent a student from losing course credit due to absences, a

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## **C. Other Errors and Issues**

1. Act 197
2. Act 350
3. Act 461
4. Act 713
5. Act 796
6. Act 798
7. Act 800

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 197 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

SENATE BILL 228

By: Senator K. Hammer  
By: Representative Hawk

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A WAIVER FOR A RENEWED BACKGROUND  
CHECK GRANTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF AN  
EDUCATIONAL ENTITY TO AN APPLICANT FOR A NONLICENSED  
STAFF POSITION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING A WAIVER FOR A RENEWED  
BACKGROUND CHECK GRANTED BY A BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS OF AN EDUCATIONAL ENTITY TO AN  
APPLICANT FOR A NONLICENSED STAFF  
POSITION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-414(g)(5), concerning a waiver of the  
required background check for a nonlicensed staff position granted by the  
adoption of a resolution by the board of trustees of an educational entity,  
is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(D) A waiver granted by a board of directors of an  
educational entity under this subdivision (g)(5) shall be valid for the  
duration of the applicant's employment with the educational entity only if  
the applicant does not experience:

(i) A break in employment with the educational  
entity after receiving the waiver; and

(ii) An additional disqualifying conviction under  
this section after receiving the waiver.

APPROVED: 2/27/25



Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 350** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1620

By: Representative Gramlich  
By: Senator K. Hammer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS; TO REGULATE PROCESSING AND PAYMENT OF PHARMACY CLAIMS; TO CREATE THE PHARMACY AND PHARMACIST TIMELY RECONCILIATION AND PAYMENT OF PHARMACIST SERVICES ACT; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PHARMACY AUDIT BILL OF RIGHTS; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGER LICENSURE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS; AND TO REGULATE PROCESSING AND PAYMENT OF PHARMACY CLAIMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Pharmacy and Pharmacist Timely Reconciliation and Payment of Pharmacist Services Act".

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is beneficial to the State of Arkansas to support patient access to prescription drugs and pharmacy services in a market that minimizes difficulties caused by slow payments from pharmacy benefits managers to improve patient care;



1 additional information submitted.

2 (B) A pharmacy benefits manager shall not provide notice  
3 of a new deficiency or impropriety in the claim that could have been  
4 identified by the pharmacy benefits manager in the original claim submission  
5 under this subsection.

6 (c) A claim submitted to a pharmacy benefits manager that is not paid  
7 by the pharmacy benefits manager within the time frame specified in  
8 subdivision (a)(1) or subdivision (a)(2) of this section or is contested by  
9 the pharmacy benefits manager within the time frame specified in subdivision  
10 (b)(2) of this section shall be:

11 (1) Deemed to be a clean claim; and

12 (2) Paid by the pharmacy benefits manager according to  
13 subsection (a) of this section.

14 (d) A payment of a clean claim under subdivision (c)(1) of this  
15 section is considered to have been made on the date that:

16 (1) The payment is transferred, for an electronic claim; or

17 (2) The payment is submitted to the United States Postal Service  
18 or common carrier for delivery, for any other claim.

19 (e)(1)(A) A pharmacy benefits manager shall pay a penalty of twelve  
20 percent (12%) per month for a late payment of claims to the contracted  
21 pharmacist or pharmacy.

22 (B) The penalty described under subdivision (e)(1)(A) of  
23 this section begins the day after the required payment date and ends on the  
24 date on which the proper payment for the clean claim is made.

25 (2)(A) As determined by the Insurance Commissioner, a pharmacy  
26 benefits manager shall not be penalized or required to pay interest under  
27 subdivision (e)(1) of this section in exigent circumstances that prevent the  
28 timely processing of claims, including natural disasters and other unique and  
29 unexpected events, unless it involves a cybersecurity breach or a data  
30 security issue with the pharmacy benefits manager or healthcare payor.

31 (B) A cybersecurity breach or a data security issue  
32 involving the pharmacy benefits manager or the healthcare payor that delays  
33 payment to a pharmacist or a pharmacy is subject to interest payments.

34 (f)(1) A pharmacy benefits manager shall pay a clean claim submitted  
35 electronically by an electronic transfer of funds if the submitting network  
36 pharmacy so requests or has so requested previously that contract year.

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 461 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S3/12/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 319

By: Senator J. Boyd

By: Representative Maddox

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
ACT; TO CLARIFY CHARGING ORDERS UNDER THE UNIFORM  
LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ACT; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE UNIFORM LIMITED LIABILITY  
COMPANY ACT; AND TO CLARIFY CHARGING  
ORDERS UNDER THE UNIFORM LIMITED  
LIABILITY COMPANY ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 4-38-503 is amended to read as follows:  
4-38-503. Charging order.

(a) On application to a court of competent jurisdiction by a judgment creditor of a member, ~~or transferee, or any other owner of a membership interest in a limited liability company, the~~ a court having jurisdiction may charge the ~~transferable membership interest of the judgment debtor~~ with payment of the unsatisfied amount of the judgment with interest. ~~A charging order constitutes a lien on a judgment debtor's transferable interest and requires the limited liability company to pay over to the person to which the charging order was issued any distribution that otherwise would be paid to the judgment creditor.~~

(b) ~~On application to a court of competent jurisdiction by a judgment creditor of a member or transferee against whose transferable interest a charging order was issued, and a showing to the satisfaction of the court~~



1           (2) The charging order lien shall not be foreclosed on under  
2 this subchapter or any other law.

3           (d) This section:

4           (1)~~(A)~~ Is specific to a lien created by a charging order; or

5           (2) Shall not:

6           (A) Apply to a creditor's secured lien created under the  
7 Uniform Commercial Code; or

8           (B) ~~operate~~ Operate to invalidate any provision of any  
9 written agreement between a member and a creditor, including without  
10 limitation a security agreement, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, or other  
11 instrument giving the creditor a security interest in, or assignment of, the  
12 transferable interest, where at the time the written agreement, security  
13 agreement, assignment, or other instrument was executed by the member and the  
14 creditor, the member's executing such written agreement, security agreement,  
15 assignment, or other instrument did not violate a provision of the limited  
16 liability company's certificate of organization or operating agreement.

17           ~~(B) Except as provided in subsection (c), the foreclosure of a~~  
18 ~~charging order does not grant the creditor who receives the transferable~~  
19 ~~interest any rights in the transferable interest beyond the rights of a~~  
20 ~~transferee;~~

21           ~~(2)(A) Provides the exclusive remedy by which a judgment~~  
22 ~~creditor of a member or a transferee of a member may satisfy a judgment out~~  
23 ~~of the member's interest in the limited liability company, where the limited~~  
24 ~~liability company has more than one (1) member.~~

25           ~~(B)(i) In the case of a limited liability company with~~  
26 ~~more than one (1) member, other remedies, including without limitation~~  
27 ~~foreclosure on the member's interest, except as provided in subsection (b),~~  
28 ~~or a court order for directions, accounts, and inquiries that the debtor or~~  
29 ~~member might have made, are not available to the judgment creditor attempting~~  
30 ~~to satisfy the judgment out of the judgment debtor's transferable interest in~~  
31 ~~the limited liability company; and~~

32           ~~(3) Does not deprive a member of the benefit of any exemption~~  
33 ~~applicable to his or her interest.~~

34           (e) The entry of a charging order is the exclusive remedy by which a  
35 judgment creditor of a member or of another owner of a membership interest  
36 may satisfy a judgment out of the judgment debtor's membership interest.



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**Act 713** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1838

By: Representative Dalby  
By: Senator A. Clark

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROBATE ACTIONS;  
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING ADOPTION AND  
GUARDIANSHIP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PROBATE  
ACTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING  
ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-9-206 is amended to read as follows:  
9-9-206. Persons required to consent to adoption – Consideration for  
relinquishing minor for adoption.

(a) Unless consent is not required under § 9-9-207, a petition to  
adopt a minor may be granted only if written consent to a particular adoption  
has been executed by:

(1) The mother of the minor;

(2) The father of the minor if:

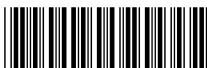
(A) The father was married to the mother at the time the  
minor was conceived or at any time thereafter;

(B) The minor is his child by adoption;

(C) He has physical custody of the minor at the time the  
petition is filed;

(D) He has a written order granting him legal custody of  
the minor at the time the petition for adoption is filed;

(E) A court has adjudicated him to be the legal father



1 (11) A recommendation proposing the type, scope, and duration of  
2 guardianship;

3 (12) A statement that any facility or agency from which the  
4 respondent is receiving services ~~has been~~ will be properly notified of the  
5 proceedings; and

6 (13) The names and addresses of likely witnesses ~~others~~ having  
7 knowledge about the person's disability, property, or both.

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9 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 28-65-206 is amended to read as follows:

10 28-65-206. Single guardianship for two or more incapacitated persons.

11 When an application is made for the appointment of a guardian for two  
12 (2) or more incapacitated persons who are children of a common parent, or are  
13 parent and child or are husband and wife, ~~it shall not be necessary that a~~  
14 ~~separate petition, bond, or other paper be filed for each incompetent, and~~  
15 the guardianship of all may be considered as one (1) proceeding except that  
16 the guardian shall maintain and file separate accounts for the estates of  
17 each of ~~his or her wards~~ the proposed wards.

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19 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 28-65-207 is amended to read as follows:

20 28-65-207. Notice of hearing for appointment.

21 (a) Notice of the hearing for the appointment of a guardian need not  
22 be given to any person:

23 (1) Who has signed the petition;

24 (2) Who has in writing waived notice of the hearing, except the  
25 ~~alleged incapacitated person~~ proposed ward may not waive notice;

26 (3) Who actually appears at the hearing;

27 (4) Whose existence, relationship to the ~~alleged incapacitated~~  
28 ~~person~~ proposed ward, or whereabouts is unknown and cannot by the exercise of  
29 reasonable diligence be ascertained;

30 (5) Other than the ~~alleged incapacitated person~~ proposed ward,  
31 whom the court finds to be beyond the limits of the continental United States  
32 or himself or herself ~~incompetent~~ incapacitated; or

33 (6) The ~~alleged incapacitated person~~ proposed ward if the court  
34 finds that he or she is detained or confined by a foreign power or has  
35 disappeared.

36 (b) Except as provided in subsection (a) of this section, before the

1 court shall appoint a an emergency guardian, other than a temporary guardian,  
2 notice of the hearing ~~of the application~~ for the appointment of the guardian  
3 shall be served upon the following, if reasonably possible:

4 (1)(A) ~~The alleged incapacitated person proposed ward, if over~~  
5 fourteen (14) years of age or older, ~~and the alleged incapacitated person~~  
6 ~~shall be notified of his or her rights under § 28-65-213. This notice shall~~  
7 ~~be served with the notice of hearing.~~

8 (B) The proposed ward shall be notified of his or her due  
9 process rights under § 28-65-213.

10 (C)(i) If the purpose of the action is to establish an  
11 adult guardianship, the proposed ward shall also be served with his or her  
12 notice of the Ward's Bill of Rights in accordance with § 28-65-106(b).

13 (ii) The notices described under this subdivision  
14 (b)(1) shall be served with the notice of hearing;

15 (2) The legal parents of the ~~alleged incapacitated person~~  
16 proposed ward, if the alleged incapacitated person is a minor;

17 (3) The spouse, if any, of the ~~alleged incapacitated person~~  
18 proposed ward;

19 (4) Any other person who is the guardian of the person or of the  
20 estate of the ~~alleged incapacitated person proposed ward,~~ or any other person  
21 who has the care and custody of the ~~alleged incapacitated person proposed~~  
22 ward, and the director of any agency from which the respondent is receiving  
23 services;

24 (5) The Department of Human Services when the petition seeks  
25 appointment of a guardian who, at the time the petition is filed, serves as  
26 guardian of five (5) or more minor wards;

27 (6) If there is neither a known parent nor known spouse, at  
28 least one (1) of the nearest competent relatives by blood or marriage of the  
29 ~~alleged incapacitated person proposed ward;~~ and

30 (7) If Any other person or entity directed by the court+

31 ~~(A) Any department, bureau, agency, or political~~  
32 ~~subdivision of the United States or of this state which makes or awards~~  
33 ~~compensation, pension, insurance, or other allowance for the benefit of the~~  
34 ~~ward or his or her estate;~~

35 ~~(B) Any department, bureau, agency, or political~~  
36 ~~subdivision of the United States or of this state or any charitable~~

~~in a bank in Arkansas insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or in a savings and loan association in Arkansas insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation or in a credit union in Arkansas insured by the National Credit Union Administration and the value of the estate is not greater than the amount of the maximum insurance provided by law for a single depositor, and the bank or savings and loan association shall file with the probate clerk of the circuit court an agreement not to permit any withdrawal from the deposit except on authority of a circuit court order.~~

SECTION 23. Arkansas Code § 28-65-218 is amended to read as follows:

**28-65-218. Emergency and temporary guardianships.**

(a)(1)(A) If upon presentation of an emergency ex parte motion accompanied by an affidavit or verified petition giving rise to specific facts in appropriate detail the court finds that there is imminent danger to the life or health of an incapacitated person or of loss, damage, or waste to the property of an incapacitated person and that this requires the immediate appointment of a guardian of his or her person or estate, or both, the court shall issue an order appointing an emergency temporary guardian.

(B)(i) An ex parte emergency guardianship order shall include a date and time certain, not to exceed fourteen (14) days from the date on which the order is entered, for a hearing reviewing the allegations in the emergency ex parte motion and consideration on whether a temporary guardianship shall be granted.

(ii) Notice of the emergency order shall consist of a copy of the petition for emergency guardianship, any accompanying documents to the petition for emergency guardianship, and a copy of the emergency guardianship order.

(iii) The notice under subdivision (a)(1)(B)(ii) of this section shall be served immediately upon the necessary parties under § 28-65-207 with notice of the emergency review hearing or temporary hearing.

~~(C)(b)(1)~~ The court may consider a petition for a temporary guardianship at a hearing that was conducted following proper notice under § 28-65-207 regardless of whether an emergency guardianship has been requested.

(2) If the court finds clear and convincing evidence that a temporary guardianship is necessary and appropriate to protect the ward or the property of the ward after the hearing required under subdivision

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Act 796 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/31/25 S4/8/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1810

By: Representative Joey Carr

By: Senator J. English

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF; TO TRANSFER THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL  
FOR THE DEAF TO THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND  
BLIND; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
BLIND AND THE ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR THE  
DEAF; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-14-132(a)(3), concerning the definition of "public school" as it relates to registered offenders who are prohibited from entering school campuses, are amended to read as follows:*

*(3) "Public school" means any school in this state that is:*

*(A) A public school operated by a public school district;*

*(B) A charter school established under the Public School*

*Funding Act of 2003, § 6-20-2301 et seq.;*

*(C) A state-funded prekindergarten program operated by a public school or an education service cooperative;*

*(D) The Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind;*

*(E) ~~The Arkansas School for the Deaf;~~*



1 college, a technical institute, a comprehensive life-long learning center, or  
2 a community college in recognition of his or her contribution to education;

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4 SECTION 19. Arkansas Code § 25-11-205 is amended to read as follows:

5 25-11-205. Board of the Division of State Services for the Deaf and  
6 Blind.

7 (a) There is created a board to be known as the Board of the Division  
8 of State Services for the Deaf and Blind, to be constituted as follows:

9 (1)(A) The board shall be composed of seven (7) members  
10 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

11 (B)(i) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Governor  
12 after consulting each of the following:

13 (a) The National Federation of the Blind of  
14 Arkansas;

15 (b) The Arkansas Council of the Blind, Inc.;

16 (c) The Arkansas Lions Clubs Council of  
17 Governors, which shall be a member of a member club of the Lions Clubs  
18 International within Multiple District Seven for Arkansas;

19 (d) The Arkansas Association for Education and  
20 Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired; and

21 (e) The Arkansas School for the Deaf and  
22 Blind.

23 (ii) Appointments made by the Governor under  
24 subdivision (a)(1)(B)(i) of this section shall be subject to confirmation by  
25 the Senate.

26 (C) The Governor shall appoint two (2) at-large members.

27 (D) One (1) or more of the members of the board shall be  
28 at least fifty-five (55) years of age.

29 (E) At least four (4) members of the board shall be blind  
30 as defined in § 25-11-202.

31 (2) Any board member whose term has expired shall continue to  
32 serve as a member of the board until the member's successor is appointed and  
33 qualified;

34 (3) All board members shall be appointed for terms of four (4)  
35 years, and no person may serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms; and

36 (4) All vacancies which occur for any reason shall be filled by

1 appointment by the Governor, and any interim appointments shall be limited to  
2 the unexpired term of the position vacated. Any person appointed to fill a  
3 vacancy shall meet the qualifications for appointment held by his or her  
4 predecessor on the board.

5 (b) The President of World Services for the Blind, the Superintendent  
6 of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind, one (1) representative  
7 appointed by the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind  
8 and Visually Impaired of Arkansas, one (1) representative appointed by the  
9 Blinded Veterans Association of Arkansas, and one (1) representative  
10 appointed by the Arkansas Association of Blind Business Managers shall serve  
11 as ex officio nonvoting members of the board. Additional ex officio nonvoting  
12 members may be appointed by the Governor at the request of a majority of the  
13 board.

14 (c) Each member or ex officio member appointed to the board, before  
15 entering upon the duties of office, shall take the oath prescribed by the  
16 Arkansas Constitution for state officers and shall file the oath in the  
17 office of the Secretary of State, who shall thereupon issue to the member a  
18 certificate of appointment.

19 (d) Upon recommendation of a majority of the regular board members,  
20 the Governor may remove any member of the board at any time for misconduct,  
21 incompetency, neglect of duty, or any other good cause as may be determined  
22 by the board.

23 (e) The board members shall not receive compensation for performance  
24 of their duties. However, they may receive expense reimbursement in  
25 accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

26 (f) After the members of the board have been duly appointed and are  
27 serving, the board shall choose a chair from among the regular members as  
28 presiding officer, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years. The board  
29 shall also elect from among its regular members a vice chair and a secretary,  
30 who shall serve for a term of one (1) year.

31 (g) The board shall meet at least quarterly at those times and places  
32 as it may determine from time to time.

33 (h)(1) The board shall employ a commissioner, subject to the approval  
34 of the Governor, qualified by experience to administer and implement the  
35 policies and directives of the board.

36 (2) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner of the Board of the Division

1 of State Services for the Deaf and Blind shall report to the Secretary of the  
2 Department of Commerce.

3 (3) The board may employ or appoint any additional personnel  
4 necessary to carry out the functions, duties, and responsibilities entrusted  
5 to the Division of State Services for the Deaf and Blind in accordance with  
6 the requirements of law and within the limits of available appropriations.  
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8 SECTION 20. Arkansas Code § 25-16-904(19), concerning a stipend for  
9 membership on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Blind and  
10 the Arkansas School for the Deaf, is amended to read as follows:

11 (19) Board of Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and  
12 Blind ~~and the Arkansas School for the Deaf;~~  
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14 SECTION 21. Arkansas Code § 25-17-201(1), concerning an honorary board  
15 for the Arkansas School for the Blind and the Arkansas School for the Deaf,  
16 is amended to read as follows:

17 (1) A board of five (5) members constituting the Board of  
18 Trustees of the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind ~~and the Arkansas~~  
19 ~~School for the Deaf;~~  
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21 SECTION 22. Arkansas Code § 26-51-2503 is amended to read as follows:

22 26-51-2503. Contribution to the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind  
23 ~~and the Arkansas School for the Deaf.~~

24 (a)(1) The Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and  
25 Administration shall include on the Arkansas individual income tax forms,  
26 including those forms on which a husband and wife file separately on the same  
27 form, and on all corporate income tax forms, a designation as follows:

28 “(A) If you are entitled to a refund, check if you wish to  
29 designate [ ] \$1, [ ] \$5, [ ] \$10, [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ (write in amount)  
30 or [ ] all refund due of your tax refund for the Arkansas School for the  
31 Deaf and Blind ~~and the Arkansas School for the Deaf.~~ Your refund will be  
32 reduced by this amount.

33 (B) If you owe an additional amount, check if you wish to  
34 contribute an additional [ ] \$1, [ ] \$5, [ ] \$10, [ ] \_\_\_\_\_  
35 (write in amount) for the Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind ~~and the~~  
36 ~~Arkansas School for the Deaf.~~ If you wish to make a contribution to the



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Act 798 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H4/2/25 S4/14/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1847

By: Representative McAlindon

By: Senator J. Payton

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GAMBLING; TO  
AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN  
A STATEWIDE SELF-EXCLUSION LIST; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS RACING  
COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN A STATEWIDE SELF-  
EXCLUSION LIST.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 117, is amended to add an  
additional section to read as follows:

#### 23-117-103. Self-exclusion list – Definition.

(a) As used in this section, "self-exclusion" or "self-excluded" means  
a declaration from an individual to a casino that he or she would like to be  
excluded from entering the casino's facility.

(b)(1) At the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Racing  
Commission, the Arkansas Racing Commission may also maintain a statewide  
self-exclusion list, and the commission shall:

(A) Join a multi-state or national self-exclusion program  
operated to ensure responsible gaming services; or

(B) Enter into an agreement with another state or states  
for the sharing and mutual enforcement of each state's respective self-  
exclusion list.

(2) The self-exclusion list maintained under subdivision (b)(1)



1 of this section shall serve as the definitive list of self-excluded  
2 individuals in lieu of a separate list maintained by each casino to comply  
3 with rules regarding a casino's obligations related to self-excluded  
4 individuals.

5 (3) Information received by the commission for the self-  
6 exclusion list under this section is confidential and is not subject to  
7 examination or disclosure as public information under the Freedom of  
8 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

9 (c)(1) This section does not permit the commission or an entity  
10 involved under subsection (b) of this section to disclose the name or  
11 information of an individual on the self-exclusion list without the  
12 individual's authorization.

13 (2) The self-exclusion list shall not be open to public  
14 inspection.

15 (3) A casino or an employee of a casino shall not be liable to a  
16 self-excluded individual or other person for harm, monetary or otherwise,  
17 that may arise as a result of the disclosure or publication, other than a  
18 willful and unlawful disclosure or publication, of the identify of a self-  
19 excluded individual.

20 (d)(1) An individual on the self-exclusion list shall not collect in  
21 any manner or proceeding any winnings or recover any losses arising as a  
22 result of prohibited gaming activity.

23 (2) Solely for the purposes of this section, gaming activity  
24 that results in a self-excluded individual obtaining money or a thing of  
25 value from, or being owed any money or thing of value by, a casino is a fully  
26 executed gambling transaction.

27 (e)(1) Money or a thing of value that has been obtained by or is owed  
28 to an individual on the self-exclusion list by a casino as a result of wagers  
29 made by the individual on the self-exclusion list is subject to forfeiture  
30 following notice to the individual and an opportunity to be heard.

31 (2) An amount forfeited under subdivision (e)(1) of this section  
32 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

33 (f) Any cost associated with commission requirements under subsection  
34 (b) of this section may be paid from an assessment paid by each casino or  
35 from amounts forfeited under The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018,  
36 Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100.

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2 (g)(1) An individual is not permitted to add an individual other than  
3 himself or herself onto the self-exclusion list.

4 (2) A casino shall require an individual to present his or her  
5 identification to confirm identity before placement on the self-exclusion  
6 list.

7 (h) The commission shall promulgate rules to implement and enforce  
8 this section, including without limitation rules concerning:

9 (1) The transition from a single-location self-exclusion list to  
10 a statewide or broader self-exclusion list;

11 (2) An option for a self-excluded individual to select the state  
12 with which the commission is authorized to share his or her information;

13 (3) A means for an individual to join a self-exclusion list in  
14 multiple states using a single form; and

15 (4) A means for an individual to remove himself or herself from  
16 the self-exclusion list.

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Act 800 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/31/25 H4/7/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1672

By: Representative McCollum

By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE LAWS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT OF  
INNOVATION PROGRAM; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE  
ARKANSAS CODE TO CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION IN ARKANSAS; TO AMEND  
THE ARKANSAS QUALITY CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 2013; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
TO CREATE A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM FOR  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF INNOVATION IN  
ARKANSAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(c)(5), concerning licensure  
exemptions that allow a teacher to teach a grade level or subject for which  
he or she is not fully or provisionally licensed under the Arkansas Public  
Education Act of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

(5) A licensure exception under:

~~(A) A District of Innovation Program, § 6-15-2801 et seq.,~~

~~(B)~~ (A) The Arkansas Quality Charter Schools Act of 2013, §  
6-23-101 et seq.; or

~~(C)~~ (B) Section 6-15-103;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 15, Subchapter 28, is  
repealed.



authorizer of public charters, is amended to read as follows:

~~(e) The division shall be the primary authorizer of public charters except as provided under § 6-23-703 state board may promulgate rules as necessary to administer this subchapter.~~

SECTION 27. Arkansas Code § 6-23-703 is amended to read as follows:

6-23-703. State Board of Education ~~optional~~ review.

(a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall notify in writing the State Board of Education of all recommendations made by the charter authorizing panel before the next regularly scheduled state board meeting after a recommendation is made by the charter authorizing panel.

(b)(1) At its next meeting following notification by the division under subsection (a) of this section, the state board shall vote to accept or reject each recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel.

(2) If the state board votes to reject a recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel, the state board shall:

(A) Provide the specific reasons for its rejection and any additional information used as the basis for its rejection; and

(B)(i) Conduct a hearing at the earlier date of the next regularly scheduled state board meeting or a special state board meeting.

(ii) At the conclusion of a hearing under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section, the state board shall issue a final decision regarding a public charter school or an application to become a public charter school under this subchapter.

(c) A public charter school or an applicant to become a public charter school may appeal a recommendation of the charter authorizing panel to the state board by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Department of Education within fifteen (15) calendar days of the charter authorizing panel's recommendation.

~~(2) Conduct a full hearing regarding a final decision by the division under § 6-23-701(a); and~~

~~(3) Hold the hearing at the earlier of:~~

~~(A) The next regularly scheduled state board meeting following the state board meeting during which the state board voted to authorize a review; or~~

~~(B) A special board meeting called by the state board.~~

~~(c)(1) At the conclusion of the hearing, the state board may issue a final decision by state board vote.~~

~~(2) The state board may decide by majority vote of the quorum to:~~

~~(A) Affirm the decision of the division;~~

~~(B) Take other lawful action on the public charter; or~~

~~(C)(i) Request additional information from the division, public charter school, public charter school applicant, or affected school district, if needed.~~

~~(ii) If the state board requests additional information under subdivision (c)(2)(C)(i) of this section, the state board shall hold a subsequent hearing at the earlier of:~~

~~(a) The next regularly scheduled state board meeting; or~~

~~(b) A special board meeting called by the state board.~~

~~(3) A decision made by the state board is final with no right of appeal.~~

~~(d) The state board may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this section.~~

(a) A public charter school or an applicant to become a public charter school may appeal any adverse ruling from the authorizer to the State Board of Education.

(b)(1) If a public charter school or an applicant to become a public charter school chooses to appeal an adverse ruling from the authorizer under subsection (a) of this section, the public charter school or the applicant to become a public charter school shall file a written notice of appeal with the state board within fifteen (15) calendar days of the authorizer's adverse ruling.

(2) A written notice of appeal filed with the state board under subdivision (b)(1) of this section shall state the specific reasons supporting a review by the state board.

(c)(1) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the state board shall, upon a motion approved by a majority vote, determine whether to hear or decline to hear an appeal.

(2) If the state board decides to hear an appeal, the hearing

1 shall be conducted at the earlier of:

2 (A) The next regularly scheduled state board meeting; or

3 (B) A special meeting called by the state board for the  
4 purpose of hearing the appeal.

5 (d) A decision by the state board under this section is final with no  
6 further right to appeal.

7 (e) The state board may promulgate rules as necessary to implement  
8 this section.

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**6-23-703. State Board of Education review.**

(a) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall notify in writing the State Board of Education of all recommendations made by the charter authorizing panel before the next regularly scheduled state board meeting after a recommendation is made by the charter authorizing panel.

(b)(1) At its next meeting following notification by the division under subsection (a) of this section, the state board shall vote to accept or reject each recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel.

(2) If the state board votes to reject a recommendation made by the charter authorizing panel, the state board shall:

(A) Provide the specific reasons for its rejection and any additional information used as the basis for its rejection; and

(B)(i) Conduct a hearing at the earlier date of the next regularly scheduled state board meeting or a special state board meeting.

(ii) At the conclusion of a hearing under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section, the state board shall issue a final decision regarding a public charter school or an application to become a public charter school under this subchapter.

(c)(1) A public charter school or an applicant to become a public charter school may appeal a recommendation of the charter authorizing panel to the state board by filing a written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Department of Education within fifteen (15) calendar days of the charter authorizing panel's recommendation.

(2) A written notice of appeal filed with the secretary under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall state the specific reasons supporting a review by the state board.

(d)(1) Upon receipt of a notice of appeal under subdivision (c)(1) of this section, the state board shall, upon a motion approved by a majority vote, determine whether to hear or decline to hear an appeal.

(2) If the state board decides to hear an appeal, the hearing shall be conducted at the earlier of:

(A) The next regularly scheduled state board meeting; or

(B) A special meeting called by the state board for the purpose of hearing the appeal.

(e) A decision by the state board under this section is final with no further right to appeal.

(f) The state board may promulgate rules as necessary to implement this section.



# Exhibit F

## **D. Conflicts Involving the Repeal of a Provision**

1. Acts 340 & 341 – Act 304
2. Acts 340 & 341 – Act 429
3. Acts 353 & 429 – Acts 340 & 341
4. Act 360 – Act 503
5. Act 405 – Act 503
6. Act 500 – Act 421
7. Act 500 – Act 762
8. Act 662 – Act 755
9. Act 762 – Act 500

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**Act 341** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/6/25 H3/12/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1512

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~~(17)~~ the following members ~~as follows~~:

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~~(4)~~ (2) The Commissioner of the Division of Higher Education;



1 ~~in the public school district's elementary schools.~~

2 ~~(e)~~ The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education may promulgate  
3 rules to implement this section.

4  
5 **SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(b)(2)(C)**, concerning the  
6 continuing education and professional development requirement under the  
7 Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts,  
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 (C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing  
10 education and professional development under this section, each hour of  
11 training received by licensed personnel related to teaching an ~~advanced~~  
12 ~~placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational~~  
13 ~~Testing Service~~ accelerated learning course shall be counted as professional  
14 development up to a maximum of thirty (30) hours.

15  
16 **SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-15-1301(b)(1)**, concerning the membership  
17 of the Safe Schools Committee under the Safe Schools Initiative Act, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b)(1) The Safe Schools Committee shall be composed of ~~the following~~  
20 ~~individuals~~ and stakeholders deemed necessary and appointed by the  
21 Commissioner of the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education;

22 ~~(A) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas~~  
23 ~~Education Association;~~

24 ~~(B) Two (2) school administrators appointed by the~~  
25 ~~Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators;~~

26 ~~(C) Two (2) school district board members appointed by the~~  
27 ~~Arkansas School Boards Association;~~

28 ~~(D) A staff member of the division appointed by the~~  
29 ~~Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education;~~

30 ~~(E) A school safety specialist, employed by an Arkansas~~  
31 ~~school district, appointed by the commissioner;~~

32 ~~(F) One (1) school counselor appointed by the Arkansas~~  
33 ~~Counseling Association;~~

34 ~~(G) The Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and of~~  
35 ~~the Arkansas Center for School Safety, or his or her designee;~~

36 ~~(H) One (1) classroom teacher appointed by the Arkansas~~

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Act 304 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1496

By: Representative Andrews  
By: Senator J. Dotson

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE TO  
ENSURE ARKANSAS STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT BY QUALIFIED  
TEACHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE  
TO ENSURE ARKANSAS STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT  
BY QUALIFIED TEACHERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 6-15-1004(b) and (c), concerning  
requirements to renew a teaching license and licensure exceptions, are  
amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) To renew a teaching license, a teacher shall participate in  
continuing education and professional development:

~~(A) Based on the teacher's evaluation and professional  
growth plan under the Teacher Excellence and Support System, § 6-17-2801 et  
seq.,~~

~~(B)~~ As required under § 6-17-704 and other laws; and

~~(C)~~ (B) As required by rule of the state board.

~~(2)(A) For purposes of the requirement for continuing education  
and professional development under the Standards for Accreditation of  
Arkansas Public Schools and School Districts, five (5) hours of credit for  
professional development shall be given for each one (1) hour of college  
credit for a graduate level course if the college credit is:~~

~~(i) Related to and enhances the teacher's knowledge~~



1 ~~of the subject area in which the teacher is currently teaching;~~

2 ~~(ii) Part of the requirements for the teacher to~~  
3 ~~obtain additional licensure in a subject matter that has been designated by~~  
4 ~~the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education as having a critical~~  
5 ~~shortage of teachers; or~~

6 ~~(iii) Otherwise approved by the Division of~~  
7 ~~Elementary and Secondary Education under subdivision (b)(2)(B) of this~~  
8 ~~section as a graduate level course eligible for professional development~~  
9 ~~credit.~~

10 ~~(B)(i) Credit for professional development obtained under~~  
11 ~~subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section may be allocated as follows:~~

12 ~~(a) Up to fifteen (15) hours may be credited~~  
13 ~~to the professional development requirements for licensure; and~~

14 ~~(b) Hours obtained in excess of fifteen (15)~~  
15 ~~may be credited to any remaining requirements for professional development~~  
16 ~~generally, if approved by the school district in a professional development~~  
17 ~~plan.~~

18 ~~(ii) The allocation of credit for professional~~  
19 ~~development claimed under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall be~~  
20 ~~approved by the:~~

21 ~~(a) School district or open enrollment public~~  
22 ~~charter school employing the teacher; or~~

23 ~~(b) Division of Elementary and Secondary~~  
24 ~~Education, if the educator is not employed by a school district or an open-~~  
25 ~~enrollment public charter school.~~

26 ~~(C) For purposes of the requirement for continuing~~  
27 ~~education and professional development under this section, each hour of~~  
28 ~~training received by licensed personnel related to teaching an advanced~~  
29 ~~placement class for a subject covered by the College Board and Educational~~  
30 ~~Testing Service shall be counted as professional development up to a maximum~~  
31 ~~of thirty (30) hours.~~

32 ~~(3)(2) However, nothing~~ Nothing ~~in subdivision (b)(2) of this~~  
33 ~~section~~ this subsection (b) ~~shall prevent or restrict a school district from~~  
34 ~~requiring additional in-service training.~~

35 ~~(c)(1) A teacher shall not~~ only ~~be assigned to teach a grade level or~~  
36 ~~a subject for which he or she is not fully or provisionally licensed by the~~

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1 financial institution to manage the trust account for scholarship award  
2 supplements;

3 (c) ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarships~~  
4 ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarships;

5 (d) Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships;  
6 and

7 (e) Any other scholarship funded with net  
8 proceeds from the state lottery.

9 (iii) Annually, the office shall transfer to the  
10 division the funds from the previous academic year, if any, that were  
11 transferred by the office into the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account  
12 established under subdivision (b)(1)(B)(i) of this section for distribution  
13 of Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarships, Arkansas Workforce Challenge  
14 Scholarships, ~~Arkansas Concurrent Challenge~~ ACCESS to Acceleration  
15 Scholarships, and any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the  
16 state lottery.

17  
18 SECTION 97. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(1)(C), concerning the  
19 scholarship programs that the Commissioner of the Division of Higher  
20 Education is required to certify funding for, is amended to read as follows:

21 (C) ~~The Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program,~~  
22 ~~§ 6-85-401 et seq.,~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et  
23 seq.; and

24  
25 SECTION 98. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(c)(2)(D)(ii)(a), concerning the  
26 distribution to recipients if funds remain after award of all scholarships  
27 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, is amended to read as follows:

28 (ii)(a) If available funds remain after the award of  
29 all scholarships under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Program, § 6-85-201 et  
30 seq., then the available funds shall be distributed to recipients of  
31 scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-  
32 85-301 et seq., ~~and the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, §~~  
33 ~~6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., on a  
34 pro rata basis as determined by the division.

35  
36 SECTION 99. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802(c)(2) and (3), concerning the

1 process of using the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account if net  
2 proceeds are insufficient to meet scholarship funding, are amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 (2) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(3)(B) of this section,  
5 the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account shall not be drawn upon to  
6 fund Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Workforce  
7 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~Arkansas Concurrent~~  
8 ~~Challenge Scholarships under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship~~  
9 ~~Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et  
10 seq., or any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state  
11 lottery.

12 (3)(A) Determining the maximum amount of loans from the  
13 Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to the Arkansas Academic  
14 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., the Arkansas Workforce  
15 Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent~~  
16 ~~Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship  
17 Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., is the prerogative of the General Assembly. This  
18 is usually accomplished by the General Assembly's delineating such funding  
19 allocations for the various scholarship programs, with the approval of the  
20 Administrative Rules Subcommittee of the Legislative Council and through  
21 oversight as required by law by the Lottery Oversight Subcommittee of the  
22 Legislative Council. Further, the General Assembly determines that the  
23 Division of Higher Education may operate more efficiently with some  
24 flexibility, therefore it is both necessary and appropriate that the General  
25 Assembly maintain oversight by requiring prior approval of the Legislative  
26 Council or the Joint Budget Committee as provided by this section.

27 (B) If the division determines it is necessary to borrow  
28 from the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account to fund scholarships  
29 under the Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et  
30 seq., the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et  
31 seq., ~~or the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401 et~~  
32 ~~seq.,~~ ACCESS to Acceleration Scholarship Program, § 6-85-701 et seq., the  
33 division shall first obtain review and approval from the Legislative Council  
34 or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee.

35  
36 SECTION 100. DO NOT CODIFY. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of



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**Act 429** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas      *As Engrossed: S2/25/25 S3/11/25 S3/18/25*  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

SENATE BILL 232

By: Senator Hickey  
By: Representative Cozart

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT;  
TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "LOTTERY PROCEEDS"; TO  
AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "NET PROCEEDS"; TO AMEND THE  
CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE THAT THE  
COSTS OF ADMINISTERING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE  
EXPENSES OF THE DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE REIMBURSED BY THE OFFICE OF THE  
ARKANSAS LOTTERY USING LOTTERY NET PROCEEDS; TO  
ELIMINATE THE SCHOLARSHIP SHORTFALL RESERVE TRUST  
ACCOUNT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE  
ARKANSAS SCHOLARSHIP LOTTERY ACT; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-85-303(a), concerning funding for the  
Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, is amended to read as  
follows:

(a) For an academic year, the following shall be used to fund Arkansas  
Workforce Challenge Scholarships under this subchapter:

(1) Excess funding returned to the Office of the Arkansas  
Lottery under § 6-85-212(d)(2)(B)(i) from the previous academic year; and

(2) Net proceeds remaining from the previous academic year after



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1 Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-301 et seq., the  
2 Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-401 et seq., and  
3 any other scholarship funded with net proceeds from the state lottery in a  
4 financial institution into which the office shall transfer:

5 (a) Excess funding returned to the office  
6 under § 6-85-212(d)(2)(B)(i) from the previous academic year; and

7 (b) Net proceeds remaining in the Lottery  
8 Scholarship Trust Account from the previous academic year after the office+

9 ~~(1) Transfers~~ transfers under  
10 subdivision (c)(2) of this section the funds requested by the Division of  
11 Higher Education; and

12 ~~(2) Deposits the amount necessary into~~  
13 ~~the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 to~~  
14 ~~maintain an amount equal to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000).~~

15  
16 SECTION 11. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(d)(1), concerning findings of  
17 the General Assembly related to lottery proceeds under the Arkansas  
18 Scholarship Lottery Act, is amended to read as follows:

19 (d)(1) The General Assembly finds that+

20 ~~(A) The administration of scholarships with proceeds from~~  
21 ~~the lottery are expenses of the office; and~~

22 ~~(B) Because~~ because the division has the expertise and  
23 experienced staff needed to efficiently and appropriately administer the  
24 scholarships, the office shall use the services of the division to administer  
25 *scholarships funded with net proceeds from the lottery.*

26  
27 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 23-115-801(d)(3)(C), concerning  
28 reimbursement to the Division of Higher Education by the Office of the  
29 Arkansas Lottery, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
30 follows:

31 (iii) Reimbursement under this subdivision (d)(3)(C)  
32 shall be made from the Lottery Scholarship Trust Account.

33  
34 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 23-115-802 is repealed.

35 ~~23-115-802. Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account.~~

36 ~~(a) The Office of the Arkansas Lottery shall maintain a Scholarship~~

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**Act 353** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1451

By: Representative Lundstrum

By: Senator J. English

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS CONCURRENT CHALLENGE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A  
STUDENT UNDER THE ARKANSAS CONCURRENT CHALLENGE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF A STUDENT  
UNDER THE ARKANSAS CONCURRENT CHALLENGE  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** **Arkansas Code § 6-85-402(4)**, concerning the definition of  
"student" under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, is  
amended to read as follows:

(4) "Student" means a person in grade nine (9), grade ten (10),  
grade eleven (11), or grade twelve (12) who is enrolled at a:

(A) Public high school in Arkansas;

(B) Private high school in Arkansas; or

(C) Home school, as defined in § 6-15-501.

**SECTION 2.** **Arkansas Code § 6-85-405**, concerning distribution and award  
amounts under the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program, is  
amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c) The division may distribute scholarships for students in grade  
nine (9) up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in total  
scholarship awards.



Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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1 the office+

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3 Division of Higher Education under § 23-115-801(c)(2), ~~and~~

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5 ~~Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 in an amount~~  
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7  
8 **SECTION 2.** Arkansas Code § 6-85-404(b)(1), concerning funding for the  
9 Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b)(1) A scholarship under this subchapter shall not be awarded for an  
11 academic year if+

12 ~~(A) Less~~ less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
13 (\$250,000) is available under subsection (a) of this section, ~~or~~

14 ~~(B) The division received a loan from the Scholarship~~  
15 ~~Shortfall Reserve Trust Account under § 23-115-802 for the Arkansas Academic~~  
16 ~~Challenge Scholarship Program, § 6-85-201 et seq., for the previous academic~~  
17 ~~year.~~

18  
19 **SECTION 3.** Arkansas Code § 6-85-603(b)(1), concerning funding for the  
20 Arkansas Challenge Plus Scholarship, is amended to read as follows:

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22 shall be funded by available net proceeds remaining from the previous  
23 academic year after the Office of the Arkansas Lottery+

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25 division under § 23-115-801(c)(2), ~~and~~

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29  
30 **SECTION 4.** Arkansas Code § 23-115-103(14), concerning the definition  
31 of "lottery proceeds" under the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery Act, is amended  
32 to read as follows:

33 (14) "Lottery proceeds" means all revenue derived from the sale  
34 of tickets or shares and all other moneys derived from or in connection with  
35 the operation of a lottery, including without limitation fees, offsets,  
36 reimbursements, interest, insurance proceeds, damages, and liquidated damages

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1 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined  
2 by the division; and

3 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division  
4 under § 6-85-216.

5 (b) An approved institution of higher education accepting funds under  
6 this subchapter shall submit an annual report to the Office of Skills  
7 Development that includes without limitation the following:

8 (1) Individual student program completer information as defined  
9 by the division; and

10 (2) Student information required to be provided to the division  
11 under § 6-85-216.

12  
13 SECTION 88. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 85, Subchapter 4 is  
14 repealed.

15 ~~Subchapter 4 — Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program~~

16  
17 ~~6-85-401. Creation.~~

18 ~~There is created the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program.~~

19  
20 ~~6-85-402. Definitions.~~

21 ~~As used in this subchapter:~~

22 ~~(1) “Approved institution of higher education” means an~~  
23 ~~institution of higher education that:~~

24 ~~(A) Is approved by the Division of Higher Education to~~  
25 ~~participate in the Arkansas Concurrent Challenge Scholarship Program;~~

26 ~~(B) Offers at least a fifty percent discount on the~~  
27 ~~tuition and mandatory fees of an endorsed concurrent enrollment course or~~  
28 ~~certificate program to a student who is enrolled in an endorsed concurrent~~  
29 ~~enrollment course or certificate program, unless other opportunities are~~  
30 ~~provided that lower the tuition and mandatory fees below fifty percent (50%);~~  
31 ~~and~~

32 ~~(C) Is a:~~

33 ~~(i) State-supported two-year or four-year college or~~  
34 ~~university; or~~

35 ~~(ii) Private, nonprofit two-year or four-year college~~  
36 ~~or university that has its primary headquarters located in Arkansas and that~~

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

**Act 360** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

SENATE BILL 270

By: Senator Crowell  
By: Representative Wooldridge

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FILING PERIODS  
OF CERTAIN NONPARTISAN SCHOOL BOARD AND MUNICIPAL  
CANDIDATES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE FILING  
PERIODS OF CERTAIN NONPARTISAN SCHOOL  
BOARD AND MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** **Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)(1)(B)**, concerning the candidate  
filing procedures for school board elections, is amended to read as follows:

(B) During a one-week period beginning at 12:00 noon and  
ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before a school election held in  
November.

**SECTION 2.** **Arkansas Code § 14-42-206(b)(1)**, concerning nominating  
petitions for municipal elections, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) Any person desiring to become an independent candidate for  
municipal office in cities and towns with the mayor-council form of  
government shall file his or her petition during a one-week period beginning  
at 12:00 noon and ending at 12:00 noon ninety (90) days before the general  
election with the county clerk.

**SECTION 3.** **Arkansas Code § 14-47-110(a)(2)**, concerning the election of  
directors in a city manager form of government, is amended to read as





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**Act 503** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/19/25 S4/1/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1724

By: Representative B. McKenzie

By: Senator J. English

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONPARTISAN  
ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBERS OF  
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE LAW  
CONCERNING SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE DATE  
ON WHICH AN ELECTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS IS HELD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LOCAL SCHOOL  
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON  
WHICH AN ELECTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-13-608 is amended to read as follows:*

*6-13-608. Length of directors' terms.*

*(a) All members of a school district board of directors shall be  
elected to a term of office of ~~not less than three (3) years nor more than~~  
~~five (5) years~~ four (4) years or six (6) years in length and with the  
expiration of such terms so arranged that, as nearly as possible, an equal  
number of positions are filled ~~each year~~ every school board election.*

*(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, members of a school district  
board of directors shall have terms of office of equal length.*

*(c)(1) A member of a school district board of directors shall not  
serve more than one (1) full term as a holdover.*



1 district is domiciled for administrative purposes shall then immediately  
2 notify the county clerks of any other nondomicile counties that the school  
3 district's election will be conducted under subdivision ~~(a)(3)~~(a)(4) of this  
4 section.

5 ~~(3)(4)~~ In a school election held with the preferential primary  
6 ~~or general election~~, all actions required of county boards of election  
7 commissioners shall be performed by the county board of election  
8 commissioners of the county in which the electors reside.

9  
10 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)(1), concerning the candidate  
11 filing procedures, is amended to read as follows:

12 (e)(1) The petition, affidavit of eligibility, and the candidate's  
13 political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk ~~as follows:~~

14 ~~(A)(i) For even-numbered years, during the party filing~~  
15 ~~period as set forth in § 7-7-203 for school elections held concurrently with~~  
16 ~~a preferential primary election; and~~

17 ~~(ii) For odd-numbered years, during the dates that~~  
18 ~~would be the filing period as set forth in § 7-7-203 if a preferential~~  
19 ~~primary and general election were to be held in that year; or~~

20 ~~(B) During a one week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety~~  
21 ~~(90) days before a school election held in November beginning at 12:00 noon~~  
22 ~~on the first day of the party filing period under § 7-7-203 and shall end at~~  
23 ~~12:00 noon on the last day of the party filing period under § 7-7-203.~~

24  
25 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(h)(2), concerning candidate  
26 filing procedures, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) The county board of election commissioners shall not place  
28 the name of an unopposed candidate for school district director on the ballot  
29 during a school board election held concurrently with the *preferential*  
30 *primary election* ~~or general election~~.

31  
32 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(k), concerning candidate filing  
33 procedures, is amended to read as follows:

34 (k) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to  
35 appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the  
36 county board of election commissioners held not later than+

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 405 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: S3/10/25 S3/12/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 353

By: Senator Hester

By: Representative Wooldridge

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DATES FOR ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE DATES OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SCHOOL ELECTIONS, AND CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS; TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE DATES FOR ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE DATES OF PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SCHOOL ELECTIONS, AND CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS; AND TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE FISCAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-14-102(a)(1)(A), concerning the date of the annual school election, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The annual school election shall be held in each school district of the state:

(i) In even-numbered years, on the date of the:

(a) Preferential primary election; or

(b) General election; and

(ii) In odd-numbered years, on the:

(a) Second Tuesday in November; or

(b) ~~Second Tuesday in May~~ First Tuesday after the first Monday in March.



1  
2 **SECTION 2.** **Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(k)**, concerning candidate filing  
3 procedures for school elections, is amended to read as follows:

4 (k) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to  
5 appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the  
6 county board of election commissioners held not later than:

7 (1) The deadline to conduct the ballot draw for the preferential  
8 primary or general election for an annual school election held in even-  
9 numbered years; and

10 (2) ~~The seventh day of March for~~ Eighty-nine (89) days before an  
11 annual school election held on the ~~second~~ first Tuesday after the first  
12 Monday in May March of an odd-numbered year; and

13 (3) Seventy-two (72) days before an annual school election held  
14 on the second Tuesday of November of an odd-numbered year.  
15

16 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 7-7-203(a) and (b), concerning the dates of  
17 the general primary election and preferential primary election, are amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) The general primary election shall be held+

20 ~~(1) For years in which the office of Governor will appear on the~~  
21 ~~ballot at the general election, on the third Tuesday in June preceding the~~  
22 ~~general election; and~~

23 ~~(2) For years in which the office of President of the United~~  
24 ~~States will appear on the ballot at the general election, on the Tuesday four~~  
25 (4) weeks following the preferential primary election.

26 (b) The preferential primary election shall be held+

27 ~~(1) For years in which the office of Governor will appear on the~~  
28 ~~ballot at the general election, on the Tuesday four (4) weeks before the~~  
29 ~~general primary election; and~~

30 ~~(2) For years in which the office of President of the United~~  
31 ~~States will appear on the ballot at the general election, on the first~~  
32 Tuesday after the first Monday in March.  
33

34 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 7-7-203(c)(1), concerning the dates of the  
35 general primary election and preferential primary election, is amended to  
36 read as follows:

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 503** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/19/25 S4/1/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1724

By: Representative B. McKenzie

By: Senator J. English

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING NONPARTISAN  
ELECTIONS; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MEMBERS OF  
LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS OF DIRECTORS; TO AMEND THE LAW  
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DIRECTORS IS HELD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING LOCAL SCHOOL  
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND SCHOOL BOARD  
ELECTIONS; AND TO AMEND THE DATE ON  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS HELD.

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*(a) All members of a school district board of directors shall be  
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~~five (5) years~~ four (4) years or six (6) years in length and with the  
expiration of such terms so arranged that, as nearly as possible, an equal  
number of positions are filled ~~each year~~ every school board election.*

*(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, members of a school district  
board of directors shall have terms of office of equal length.*

*(c)(1) A member of a school district board of directors shall not  
serve more than one (1) full term as a holdover.*



1 district is domiciled for administrative purposes shall then immediately  
2 notify the county clerks of any other nondomicile counties that the school  
3 district's election will be conducted under subdivision ~~(a)(3)~~(a)(4) of this  
4 section.

5 ~~(3)(4)~~ In a school election held with the preferential primary  
6 ~~or general election~~, all actions required of county boards of election  
7 commissioners shall be performed by the county board of election  
8 commissioners of the county in which the electors reside.

9  
10 SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(e)(1), concerning the candidate  
11 filing procedures, is amended to read as follows:

12 (e)(1) The petition, affidavit of eligibility, and the candidate's  
13 political practices pledge shall be filed with the county clerk ~~as follows:~~

14 ~~(A)(i) For even-numbered years, during the party filing~~  
15 ~~period as set forth in § 7-7-203 for school elections held concurrently with~~  
16 ~~a preferential primary election; and~~

17 ~~(ii) For odd-numbered years, during the dates that~~  
18 ~~would be the filing period as set forth in § 7-7-203 if a preferential~~  
19 ~~primary and general election were to be held in that year; or~~

20 ~~(B) During a one-week period ending at 12:00 noon ninety~~  
21 ~~(90) days before a school election held in November beginning at 12:00 noon~~  
22 ~~on the first day of the party filing period under § 7-7-203 and shall end at~~  
23 ~~12:00 noon on the last day of the party filing period under § 7-7-203.~~

24  
25 SECTION 13. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(h)(2), concerning candidate  
26 filing procedures, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) The county board of election commissioners shall not place  
28 the name of an unopposed candidate for school district director on the ballot  
29 during a school board election held concurrently with the *preferential*  
30 *primary election* ~~or general election~~.

31  
32 SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 6-14-111(k), concerning candidate filing  
33 procedures, is amended to read as follows:

34 (k) The order in which the names of the respective candidates are to  
35 appear on the ballot shall be determined by lot at the public meeting of the  
36 county board of election commissioners held not later than+

1           ~~(1) The the deadline to conduct the ballot draw for the~~  
2     preferential primary or general election ~~for an annual school election held~~  
3     ~~in even-numbered years;~~

4           ~~(2) The seventh day of March for an annual school election held~~  
5     ~~on the second Tuesday in May of an odd-numbered year; and~~

6           ~~(3) Seventy two (72) days before an annual school election held~~  
7     ~~on the second Tuesday of November of an odd-numbered year.~~

8  
9           SECTION 15. Arkansas Code § 6-14-121(a)(3), concerning runoff  
10   elections, is amended to read as follows:

11           (3) The runoff election shall be held:

12           ~~(A) Four (4) weeks following the date of an election held~~  
13     ~~in any odd-numbered year;~~

14           ~~(B) On the date designated for the general primary~~  
15     ~~election if the annual school election is held with the preferential primary~~  
16     ~~election; or~~

17           ~~(C) On the date designated for the general runoff election~~  
18     ~~if the annual school election is held with the general election at the same~~  
19     ~~time as the general election.~~

20  
21           SECTION 16. Arkansas Code § 6-14-121(c), concerning runoff elections,  
22   is amended to read as follows:

23           (c) If one (1) of the two (2) candidates who received the highest  
24   number of votes for a position withdraws before certification of the result  
25   of the school board election, the remaining candidate who received the most  
26   votes at the school board election shall be declared elected to the office  
27   and there shall be no school board election runoff.

28  
29           SECTION 17. Arkansas Code § 7-10-102 is amended to read as follows:

30           7-10-102. Nonpartisan election of judges, justices, ~~and~~ prosecuting  
31   attorneys, and school board members.

32           (a) The offices of Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of  
33   Appeals, circuit judge, district judge, ~~and~~ prosecuting attorney, and a  
34   member of a school district board of directors are nonpartisan offices.

35           (b)(1) The general elections for nonpartisan offices shall be held on  
36   the same date and at the same times and places as provided by law for

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
**Act 500** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H3/4/25 H3/12/25 H3/19/25*

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1455

By: Representative Pilkington

By: Senator J. Bryant

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PRIVATE CLUBS; TO  
AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PRIVATE CLUBS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN  
PRODUCTS DIRECTLY FROM A SMALL BREWERY PERMIT HOLDER  
UNDER AN EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PRIVATE CLUBS TO  
PURCHASE CERTAIN PRODUCTS DIRECTLY FROM  
A SMALL BREWERY PERMIT HOLDER UNDER AN  
EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-405(a)(21), concerning Class C permit violations, is amended to read as follows:

(21) Unauthorized purchasing by a private club from other than a retailer or small brewery permit holder as provided in § 3-9-221;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-9-221(a) and (b), concerning the private club exception from alcoholic beverage laws, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

(1) Many individuals in this state serve mixed drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests in the privacy of their homes and, in addition, that many individuals associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for fraternal, patriotic, recreational, political, social, or other mutual purposes as authorized by law, established not for pecuniary gain, have provided for their mutual convenience and for





1 the preparation and serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks  
2 prepared from alcoholic beverages ~~owned by the members individually or in~~  
3 ~~common under a so-called "locker", "pool", or "revolving fund" system~~  
4 lawfully purchased;

5 (2) Many individuals travel to this state to assemble at  
6 regional meetings and conventions to associate with other individuals who are  
7 members of professional and social organizations and that:

8 (A) Many of the restaurants and entertainment facilities  
9 used for the meetings and conventions promote the hospitality of the host  
10 communities where the restaurants, convention, and entertainment facilities  
11 are located;

12 (B) Many of the host organizations plan to serve mixed  
13 drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests at these  
14 meetings and while entertaining and dining during these conventions; and

15 (C) Many of the host communities have individuals who have  
16 associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for  
17 recreational, social, community hospitality, professional association,  
18 entertainment, or other mutual purposes established, not for pecuniary gain,  
19 but for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and  
20 serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks prepared from alcoholic  
21 beverages ~~owned by the members individually or in common under a so-called~~  
22 ~~locker, pool, or revolving fund system~~ lawfully purchased; and

23 (3)(A)(i) That there are a number of counties or parts of  
24 counties where the public retail sale of intoxicating liquors has not been  
25 approved by the voters.

26 (ii) However, within those counties or parts of  
27 counties there are significant developments of tourism facilities and large-  
28 event facilities that promote the economic development of the state.

29 (B) To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities as  
30 well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
31 economic development in the state, a new hotel or large-event facility  
32 private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail sale of  
33 intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created.

34 (C) These permits are necessary so that persons visiting  
35 hotels or large-event facilities in these areas will be able to enjoy the  
36 amenities that a person might find in other states.

1 (D) This additional permit will enhance the experience of  
2 going to hotels or large-event facilities that may display items of historic  
3 interest, contain extensive art collections, or host musical or dramatic  
4 presentations.

5 (E)(i) Further, since the counties or parts of counties in  
6 which these hotels or large-event facilities will be located do not allow the  
7 open public retail sale of intoxicating liquors, the nonprofit corporations  
8 that have been established to have the hotel facilities or the large-event  
9 facilities should be allowed to offer alcoholic beverages to members of the  
10 nonprofit corporations and their guests.

11 (ii) These nonprofit corporations have been  
12 established for the purpose of operating a qualifying hotel or large-event  
13 facility private club or other mutual purposes, not for pecuniary gain, but  
14 for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and serving  
15 to the members and their guests alcoholic beverages ~~owned by the members~~  
16 ~~individually or in common under a locker, pool, or revolving fund system~~  
17 lawfully purchased.

18 (b)(1) In order to clarify the alcoholic beverage control laws of this  
19 state and to regulate and prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in  
20 violation of the provisions of this subchapter and other applicable alcoholic  
21 beverage control laws of this state, the General Assembly determines that the  
22 preparation, mixing, and serving of mixed drinks, beer, and wine for  
23 consumption only on the premises of a private club as defined in § 3-9-  
24 202(14) by the members thereof and their guests and the making of a charge  
25 for such services shall not be deemed to be a sale or be in violation of any  
26 law of this state prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter, loan, or giving  
27 away of intoxicating liquor ~~whenever~~

28 ~~(A) The alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine so consumed~~  
29 ~~have been furnished or drawn from private stocks thereof belonging to such~~  
30 ~~members, individually or in common under a so-called locker, pool, or~~  
31 ~~revolving fund system and are replenished only at the expense of such~~  
32 ~~members; and~~

33 ~~(B) The~~ the private club has acquired a permit from the  
34 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in such form as the board may appropriately  
35 determine.  
36

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 421 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H3/13/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 345

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative Dalby

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BY  
IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF THE PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTING  
PROCESS OF HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND LARGE-EVENT  
FACILITIES; TO REMOVE AN OVERLY BURDENSOME TAX  
REQUIREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO PROMOTE TOURISM AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF  
THE PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTING PROCESS OF  
HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, AND LARGE-EVENT  
FACILITIES; AND TO REMOVE AN OVERLY  
BURDENSOME TAX REQUIREMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Arkansas is known as the Natural State because of its  
natural beauty and abundant outdoor recreational opportunities;

(2)(A) Arkansas has been consistently recognized as one of the  
top places in the United States to live and in a recent annual study as the  
most popular state to move to in 2024;

(B) Respondents in the study cited job opportunities and  
affordability as the respondents' primary motivators to move to Arkansas;

(3) As a state, Arkansas can recruit sought-after amenities,  
including major restaurant chains that Arkansans express desire in their



1 consumption on the premises permit, or cafe or restaurant wine permit, the  
2 hours of operation authorized for the private club shall likewise apply to  
3 all permits of the business entity.

4 (D) A corporation, partnership, individual, or limited  
5 liability company applying for a hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility  
6 private club permit under § 3-9-221(a)(3)(B) is not required to form a  
7 nonprofit corporation but shall otherwise comply with all requirements of §  
8 3-9-240;

9  
10 **SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 3-9-221(a)(3)(B)-(E),** concerning counties  
11 or parts of counties that have not approved the retail sale of intoxicating  
12 liquors but are involved in tourism and promotion of economic development,  
13 are amended to read as follows:

14 (B) To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities as  
15 well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
16 economic development in the state, a new hotel, restaurant, or large-event  
17 facility private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail  
18 sale of intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created.

19 (C) These permits are necessary so that persons visiting  
20 hotels, restaurants, or large-event facilities in these areas will be able to  
21 enjoy the amenities that a person might find in other states.

22 (D) This additional permit will enhance the experience of  
23 going to hotels, restaurants, or large-event facilities that may display  
24 items of historic interest, contain extensive art collections, or host  
25 musical or dramatic presentations.

26 ~~(E)(i)~~ Further, since the counties or parts of counties in  
27 which these hotels, restaurants, or large-event facilities will be located do  
28 not allow the open public retail sale of intoxicating liquors, ~~the nonprofit~~  
29 ~~corporations that have been established to have~~ the hotel facilities,  
30 restaurants, or ~~the~~ large-event facilities should be allowed to offer  
31 alcoholic beverages to ~~members of the nonprofit corporations and their~~  
32 guests.

33 ~~(ii) These nonprofit corporations have been~~  
34 ~~established for the purpose of operating a qualifying hotel or large-event~~  
35 ~~facility private club or other mutual purposes, not for pecuniary gain, but~~  
36 ~~for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and serving~~

1 ~~to the members and their guests alcoholic beverages owned by the members~~  
2 ~~individually or in common under a locker, pool, or revolving fund system.~~

3  
4 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 3-9-222(c)(3)(A), concerning the contents  
5 of the notice required to be published by an applicant for a private club  
6 permit, is amended to read as follows:

7 (3) The notice shall give the names of the managing agent and  
8 the nonprofit corporation or, in the case of a bed and breakfast private  
9 club, the name of the business owner, and shall state:

10 (A) That the manager, or in the case of a bed and  
11 breakfast private club or a hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility  
12 private club, the owner, at least one (1) partner, or the majority  
13 stockholder is a citizen of Arkansas;

14  
15 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 3-9-240 is amended to read as follows:  
16 3-9-240. Hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility private club  
17 permit.

18 (a)(1) An application for a hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility  
19 private club permit shall be in writing and shall provide information  
20 concerning the applicant for the hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility  
21 private club permit and the premises to be used by the applicant as the  
22 Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division requires.

23 (2) A hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility private club  
24 permit may be issued only in a county or a territory of a county that does  
25 not allow the public retail sale of intoxicating liquors as provided under §  
26 3-8-201.

27 (3) A hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility private club  
28 permit may be issued to a corporation, partnership, individual, or limited  
29 liability company.

30 (b) The application for a hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility  
31 private club permit shall be accompanied by a check or money order for the  
32 amount required by this section for the hotel, restaurant, or large-event  
33 facility private club permit.

34 (c) A hotel, restaurant, or large-event facility private club permit  
35 application shall contain a description of the premises permitted and provide  
36 proof that the space ~~leased~~ has at least:

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Act 500 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/4/25 H3/12/25 H3/19/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1455

By: Representative Pilkington

By: Senator J. Bryant

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PRIVATE CLUBS; TO  
AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PRIVATE CLUBS TO PURCHASE CERTAIN  
PRODUCTS DIRECTLY FROM A SMALL BREWERY PERMIT HOLDER  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 3-4-405(a)(21), concerning Class C permit violations, is amended to read as follows:

(21) Unauthorized purchasing by a private club from other than a retailer or small brewery permit holder as provided in § 3-9-221;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 3-9-221(a) and (b), concerning the private club exception from alcoholic beverage laws, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

(1) Many individuals in this state serve mixed drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests in the privacy of their homes and, in addition, that many individuals associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for fraternal, patriotic, recreational, political, social, or other mutual purposes as authorized by law, established not for pecuniary gain, have provided for their mutual convenience and for



1 the preparation and serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks  
2 prepared from alcoholic beverages ~~owned by the members individually or in~~  
3 ~~common under a so-called "locker", "pool", or "revolving fund" system~~  
4 lawfully purchased;

5 (2) Many individuals travel to this state to assemble at  
6 regional meetings and conventions to associate with other individuals who are  
7 members of professional and social organizations and that:

8 (A) Many of the restaurants and entertainment facilities  
9 used for the meetings and conventions promote the hospitality of the host  
10 communities where the restaurants, convention, and entertainment facilities  
11 are located;

12 (B) Many of the host organizations plan to serve mixed  
13 drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests at these  
14 meetings and while entertaining and dining during these conventions; and

15 (C) Many of the host communities have individuals who have  
16 associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for  
17 recreational, social, community hospitality, professional association,  
18 entertainment, or other mutual purposes established, not for pecuniary gain,  
19 but for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and  
20 serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks prepared from alcoholic  
21 beverages ~~owned by the members individually or in common under a so-called~~  
22 ~~locker, pool, or revolving fund system~~ lawfully purchased; and

23 (3)(A)(i) That there are a number of counties or parts of  
24 counties where the public retail sale of intoxicating liquors has not been  
25 approved by the voters.

26 (ii) However, within those counties or parts of  
27 counties there are significant developments of tourism facilities and large-  
28 event facilities that promote the economic development of the state.

29 (B) To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities as  
30 well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
31 economic development in the state, a new hotel or large-event facility  
32 private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail sale of  
33 intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created.

34 (C) These permits are necessary so that persons visiting  
35 hotels or large-event facilities in these areas will be able to enjoy the  
36 amenities that a person might find in other states.

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 762 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H4/7/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 523

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative Dalby

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES; TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PRIVATE  
CLUB BE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES; AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT  
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. *DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.*

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The regulatory framework governing private clubs in this state  
needs to be modernized to reflect evolving economic realities;

(2) Permitting flexibility in business structures can enhance  
efficiency and economic viability and encourage broader investment and  
growth;

(3) Allowing private clubs in dry counties to operate through diverse  
business entities, including without limitation corporations, partnerships,  
and limited liability companies, will foster competitive fairness, stimulate  
local economic development, and attract increased investment by offering  
businesses greater operational flexibility; and

(4) Permitting private clubs in dry counties to function through any  
legally recognized business entity structure, including without limitation





1 ~~private club permit additionally holds a retail beer permit, retail wine for~~  
2 ~~consumption on the premises permit, or cafe or restaurant wine permit, the~~  
3 ~~hours of operation authorized for the private club shall likewise apply to~~  
4 ~~all permits of the business entity.~~

5 ~~(D) A corporation, partnership, individual, or limited~~  
6 ~~liability company applying for a hotel, restaurant, or large event facility~~  
7 ~~private club permit under § 3-9-221(a)(3)(B) is not required to form a~~  
8 ~~nonprofit corporation but shall otherwise comply with all requirements of §~~  
9 ~~3-9-240;~~

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11 **SECTION 12. Arkansas Code § 3-9-221**, as amended by Acts 2025, No. 421,  
12 § 3, is amended to read as follows:

13 3-9-221. Private clubs – Exception from alcoholic beverage laws.

14 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

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16 ~~alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests in the privacy of their homes~~  
17 ~~and, in addition, that many individuals associated together in private~~  
18 ~~nonprofit corporations established for fraternal, patriotic, recreational,~~  
19 ~~political, social, or other mutual purposes as authorized by law, established~~  
20 ~~not for pecuniary gain, have provided for their mutual convenience and for~~  
21 ~~the preparation and serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks~~  
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23 ~~common under a so-called “locker”, “pool”, or “revolving fund” system;~~

24 ~~(2) Many individuals travel to this state to assemble at~~  
25 ~~regional meetings and conventions to associate with other individuals who are~~  
26 ~~members of professional and social organizations and that;~~

27 ~~(A) Many of the restaurants and entertainment facilities~~  
28 ~~used for the meetings and conventions promote the hospitality of the host~~  
29 ~~communities where the restaurants, convention, and entertainment facilities~~  
30 ~~are located;~~

31 ~~(B) Many of the host organizations plan to serve mixed~~  
32 ~~drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests at these~~  
33 ~~meetings and while entertaining and dining during these conventions; and~~

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36 ~~recreational, social, community hospitality, professional association,~~

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3 ~~serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks prepared from alcoholic~~  
4 ~~beverages owned by the members individually or in common under a so-called~~  
5 ~~locker, pool, or revolving fund system; and~~

6 ~~(3)(A)(i)(1)(A)~~ There are a number of counties or  
7 parts of counties where the public retail sale of intoxicating liquors has  
8 not been approved by the voters.

9 ~~(ii)(B)~~ However, within those counties or parts of  
10 counties there are significant developments of tourism facilities and large-  
11 event facilities that promote the economic development of the state; i

12 ~~(B)(2)~~ To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities  
13 as well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
14 economic development in the state, a new hotel, ~~restaurant,~~ or large-event  
15 facility private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail  
16 sale of intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created; i

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18 visiting hotels, ~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities in these areas will  
19 be able to enjoy the amenities that a person might find in other states; i

20 ~~(D)(4)~~ This additional permit will enhance the experience  
21 of going to hotels, ~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities that may display  
22 items of historic interest, contain extensive art collections, or host  
23 musical or dramatic presentations; i and

24 ~~(E)(5)~~ Further, since the counties or parts of counties in  
25 which these hotels, ~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities will be located do  
26 not allow the open public retail sale of intoxicating liquors, the hotel  
27 facilities, ~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities should be allowed to offer  
28 alcoholic beverages to guests.

29 (b)(1) In order to clarify the alcoholic beverage control laws of this  
30 state and to regulate and prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in  
31 violation of the provisions of this subchapter and other applicable alcoholic  
32 beverage control laws of this state, the General Assembly determines that the  
33 preparation, mixing, and serving of mixed drinks, beer, and wine for  
34 consumption only on the premises of a private club as defined in ~~§ 3-9-~~  
35 ~~202(14) § 3-9-202~~ § 3-9-202 by the members thereof and their guests and the making of a  
36 charge for such services shall not be deemed to be a sale or be in violation

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 662 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

SENATE BILL 375

By: Senators Stone, M. McKee, J. Bryant, Crowell, B. Davis, Dees, J. Dismang, J. English, Flipppo,  
Gilmore, Hester, Irvin, B. Johnson, M. Johnson, J. Payton, J. Petty, Rice, G. Stubblefield, D. Wallace  
By: Representatives J. Moore, Duffield, Eaves, Painter, Hall, Eaton, Achor, Andrews, Beaty Jr., Bentley,  
Breaux, K. Brown, M. Brown, Joey Carr, Childress, C. Cooper, Cozart, Furman, Gonzales, Hollowell,  
Jean, Lynch, Maddox, McGrew, Milligan, Nazarenko, Puryear, R. Scott Richardson, Rose, Rye, Torres,  
Tosh, Underwood, Unger, Vaught, Walker, Womack

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CAPITAL RAPE; TO  
AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM  
INITIATED ACT 3 OF 1936; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CAPITAL RAPE;  
AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF ARKANSAS CODE  
WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 3 OF  
1936.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Adults who rape children “are the epitome of moral  
depravity.” Kennedy v. Louisiana, 554 U.S. 407, 467 (2008) (Alito, J.,  
dissenting);

(2) The United States Supreme Court gravely erred in Kennedy v.  
Louisiana when it held that the Eight Amendment prohibited imposition of the  
death penalty for rape of a child when the crime did not result in death of  
the victim;

(3) The United States Supreme Court reached its conclusion by  
asking whether “standards of decency” had evolved to render a death sentence



1 (a) All rights of a putative father to custody, visitation, or other  
2 contact with a child conceived as a result of a rape shall be terminated  
3 immediately upon conviction of the rape in which the child was conceived  
4 under § 5-14-103 or § 5-14-114.

5  
6 **SECTION 34.** Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(15)(B), concerning the definition  
7 of "delinquent juvenile" under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 (B) Any juvenile charged with capital murder, § 5-10-101,  
10 ~~or~~ murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, or capital rape, § 5-14-114,  
11 subject to extended juvenile jurisdiction;

12  
13 **SECTION 35.** Arkansas Code § 9-27-318(b)(1)(K), concerning the filing  
14 of felony offenses committed by a juvenile in circuit court, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (K) A felony attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to  
17 commit any of the following offenses:

- 18 (i) Capital murder, § 5-10-101;  
19 (ii) Murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102;  
20 (iii) Murder in the second degree, § 5-10-103;  
21 (iv) Kidnapping, § 5-11-102;  
22 (v) Aggravated robbery, § 5-12-103;  
23 (vi) Rape, § 5-14-103;  
24 (vii) Capital rape, § 5-14-114;  
25 (viii) Battery in the first degree, § 5-13-201;  
26 ~~(viii)~~(ix) First degree escape, § 5-54-110; and  
27 ~~(ix)~~(x) Second degree escape, § 5-54-111;

28  
29 **SECTION 36.** Arkansas Code § 9-27-318(c), concerning the filing of  
30 felony offenses committed by a juvenile in circuit court, is amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 (c) A prosecuting attorney may charge a juvenile in either the  
33 juvenile or criminal division of circuit court when a case involves a  
34 juvenile:

35 (1) At least sixteen (16) years old when he or she engages in  
36 conduct that, if committed by an adult, would be any felony; or

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 755 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: S4/3/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 488

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative Dalby

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY; TO  
AMEND DEFINITIONS UNDER THE ARKANSAS JUVENILE CODE OF  
1989; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN A JUVENILE IS  
CONSIDERED TO BE ADJUDICATED DELINQUENT; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN A  
JUVENILE IS CONSIDERED TO BE ADJUDICATED  
DELINQUENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(15), concerning the definition of  
"delinquent juvenile" under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to  
read as follows:

(15) "Delinquent juvenile" means:

~~(A) A a juvenile who was ten (10) years of age old or  
older at the time the juvenile who:~~

~~(i)(A) Has committed Committed an act, other than a  
traffic offense or game and fish violation, that, if the act had been  
committed by an adult, would subject the adult to prosecution for a felony,  
misdemeanor, or violation under the applicable criminal laws of this state;~~

~~(ii)(B) Has violated Violated § 5-73-119; or,  
(iii) Has violated § 5-71-217(d)(2), cyberbullying of  
a school employee or another criminal law or status offense that can only be  
committed by a juvenile under the laws of this state; or~~



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~~(B)(C) Any juvenile charged with capital murder, § 5-10-101, or murder in the first degree, § 5-10-102, subject~~ Committed an offense which later results in to an extended juvenile jurisdiction designation;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 9-27-303(33), concerning the definition of "juvenile" under the Arkansas Juvenile Code of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

(33) "Juvenile" means an individual who ~~is~~:

(A) ~~From~~ Is from birth to eighteen (18) years of age, whether married or single; or

(B) Was under eighteen (18) years of age at the time a delinquent offense occurred but has since reached the age of majority; or

(C) ~~Adjudicated~~ Was adjudicated delinquent, a juvenile member of a family in need of services, or dependent or dependent-neglected by the juvenile division of circuit court prior to eighteen (18) years of age and for whom the juvenile division of circuit court retains jurisdiction;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 9-28-206 is amended to read as follows:

9-28-206. Disposition of delinquent juvenile.

(a) ~~When a circuit court or any other court having jurisdiction of a juvenile under eighteen (18) years of age finds a delinquent juvenile committed a to-be delinquent act while under eighteen (18) years of age as defined by the laws of this state, the court may commit the juvenile to the Division of Youth Services for an indeterminate period not to exceed the twenty-first birthday of the juvenile.~~

(b) No court may commit a juvenile found solely in criminal contempt to the ~~division~~ Division of Youth Services.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 9-28-208(a)(1), concerning what shall be included in an order of commitment to the Division of Youth Services, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) An order of commitment to the Division of Youth Services shall state that the juvenile is found to be adjudicated a delinquent juvenile and shall state information regarding the underlying facts of the adjudication.

APPROVED: 4/17/25

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 762 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

As Engrossed: H4/7/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 523

By: Senator Irvin

By: Representative Dalby

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGES; TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PRIVATE  
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needs to be modernized to reflect evolving economic realities;

(2) Permitting flexibility in business structures can enhance  
efficiency and economic viability and encourage broader investment and  
growth;

(3) Allowing private clubs in dry counties to operate through diverse  
business entities, including without limitation corporations, partnerships,  
and limited liability companies, will foster competitive fairness, stimulate  
local economic development, and attract increased investment by offering  
businesses greater operational flexibility; and

(4) Permitting private clubs in dry counties to function through any  
legally recognized business entity structure, including without limitation



~~private club permit additionally holds a retail beer permit, retail wine for consumption on the premises permit, or cafe or restaurant wine permit, the hours of operation authorized for the private club shall likewise apply to all permits of the business entity.~~

~~(D) A corporation, partnership, individual, or limited liability company applying for a hotel, restaurant, or large event facility private club permit under § 3-9-221(a)(3)(B) is not required to form a nonprofit corporation but shall otherwise comply with all requirements of § 3-9-240;~~

**SECTION 12.** **Arkansas Code § 3-9-221**, as amended by Acts 2025, No. 421, § 3, is amended to read as follows:

3-9-221. Private clubs – Exception from alcoholic beverage laws.

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

~~(1) Many individuals in this state serve mixed drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests in the privacy of their homes and, in addition, that many individuals associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for fraternal, patriotic, recreational, political, social, or other mutual purposes as authorized by law, established not for pecuniary gain, have provided for their mutual convenience and for the preparation and serving to themselves and their guests mixed drinks prepared from alcoholic beverages owned by the members individually or in common under a so-called “locker”, “pool”, or “revolving fund” system;~~

~~(2) Many individuals travel to this state to assemble at regional meetings and conventions to associate with other individuals who are members of professional and social organizations and that:~~

~~(A) Many of the restaurants and entertainment facilities used for the meetings and conventions promote the hospitality of the host communities where the restaurants, convention, and entertainment facilities are located;~~

~~(B) Many of the host organizations plan to serve mixed drinks containing alcoholic beverages to their friends and guests at these meetings and while entertaining and dining during these conventions; and~~

~~(C) Many of the host communities have individuals who have associated together in private nonprofit corporations established for recreational, social, community hospitality, professional association,~~



1 ~~entertainment, or other mutual purposes established, not for pecuniary gain,~~  
2 ~~but for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and~~  
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4 ~~beverages owned by the members individually or in common under a so-called~~  
5 ~~locker, pool, or revolving fund system; and~~

6 ~~(3)(A)(i)(1)(A)~~ There are a number of counties or  
7 parts of counties where the public retail sale of intoxicating liquors has  
8 not been approved by the voters.

9 ~~(ii)(B)~~ However, within those counties or parts of  
10 counties there are significant developments of tourism facilities and large-  
11 event facilities that promote the economic development of the state;i

12 ~~(B)(2)~~ To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities  
13 as well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
14 economic development in the state, a new hotel,~~restaurant,~~ or large-event  
15 facility private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail  
16 sale of intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created;i

17 ~~(G)(3)~~ These permits are necessary so that persons  
18 visiting hotels,~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities in these areas will  
19 be able to enjoy the amenities that a person might find in other states;i

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22 items of historic interest, contain extensive art collections, or host  
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24 ~~(E)(5)~~ Further, since the counties or parts of counties in  
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26 not allow the open public retail sale of intoxicating liquors, the hotel  
27 facilities,~~restaurants,~~ or large-event facilities should be allowed to offer  
28 alcoholic beverages to guests.

29 **(b)(1)** In order to clarify the alcoholic beverage control laws of this  
30 state and to regulate and prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in  
31 violation of the provisions of this subchapter and other applicable alcoholic  
32 beverage control laws of this state, the General Assembly determines that the  
33 preparation, mixing, and serving of mixed drinks, beer, and wine for  
34 consumption only on the premises of a private club as defined in ~~§ 3-9-~~  
35 ~~202(14) § 3-9-202~~ § 3-9-202 by the members thereof and their guests and the making of a  
36 charge for such services shall not be deemed to be a sale or be in violation

1 of any law of this state prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter, loan, or  
2 giving away of intoxicating liquor whenever:

3 (A) ~~The~~ If the private club permittee is a nonprofit  
4 organization, the alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine ~~so consumed have been~~  
5 may be furnished or drawn from private stocks thereof belonging to ~~such the~~  
6 members, individually or in common under a so-called locker, pool, or  
7 revolving fund system and are that is replenished only at the expense of ~~such~~  
8 the members; and

9 (B) The private club has acquired a permit from the  
10 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in ~~such the~~ form as the board may  
11 appropriately determine.

12 (2)(A) A private club may serve any alcoholic beverage ~~furnished~~  
13 ~~or drawn under the provisions of subdivision (b)(1) of this section on the~~  
14 golf course on which the private club is located when the private club is  
15 hosting a professional golf tournament or other charitable golf tournament  
16 sponsored by a charitable organization described in 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3) and  
17 the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division has been notified by  
18 the private club at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the beginning of  
19 the event.

20 (B) Persons attending the event may purchase alcoholic  
21 beverages from the private club ~~shall be deemed guests of the private club,~~  
22 ~~and the club may serve the alcoholic beverages to the guests for cash.~~

23 (C) The director may promulgate rules he or she deems  
24 necessary to implement this subdivision (b)(2).

25 (c) In order to clarify the alcoholic beverage control laws of this  
26 state and to regulate and prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in  
27 violation of the provisions of this subchapter and other applicable alcoholic  
28 beverage control laws of this state, the General Assembly determines that the  
29 preparation, mixing, and serving of wine and beer for consumption only by the  
30 lodging guests on the premises of a bed and breakfast private club as defined  
31 in ~~§ 3-9-202(2)~~ § 3-9-202 and the making of a charge for ~~such the~~ services  
32 shall not be deemed to be a sale or to be in violation of any law of this  
33 state prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter, loan, or giving away of  
34 intoxicating liquor whenever:

35 (1) ~~The wine and beer so consumed have been furnished or drawn~~  
36 ~~from private stocks belonging to an owner of the bed and breakfast private~~

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State of Arkansas As Engrossed: H3/4/25 H3/12/25 H3/19/25

95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

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By: Senator J. Bryant

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29 (B) To ensure that tourism and large-event facilities as  
30 well as other associated activities are allowed to exist to promote the  
31 economic development in the state, a new hotel or large-event facility  
32 private club permit, for use in those places where the public retail sale of  
33 intoxicating liquors is not authorized, should be created.

34 (C) These permits are necessary so that persons visiting  
35 hotels or large-event facilities in these areas will be able to enjoy the  
36 amenities that a person might find in other states.

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1 (D) This additional permit will enhance the experience of  
2 going to hotels or large-event facilities that may display items of historic  
3 interest, contain extensive art collections, or host musical or dramatic  
4 presentations.

5 (E)(i) Further, since the counties or parts of counties in  
6 which these hotels or large-event facilities will be located do not allow the  
7 open public retail sale of intoxicating liquors, the nonprofit corporations  
8 that have been established to have the hotel facilities or the large-event  
9 facilities should be allowed to offer alcoholic beverages to members of the  
10 nonprofit corporations and their guests.

11 (ii) These nonprofit corporations have been  
12 established for the purpose of operating a qualifying hotel or large-event  
13 facility private club or other mutual purposes, not for pecuniary gain, but  
14 for their mutual convenience and to provide for the preparation and serving  
15 to the members and their guests alcoholic beverages ~~owned by the members~~  
16 ~~individually or in common under a locker, pool, or revolving fund system~~  
17 lawfully purchased.

18 (b)(1) In order to clarify the alcoholic beverage control laws of this  
19 state and to regulate and prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in  
20 violation of the provisions of this subchapter and other applicable alcoholic  
21 beverage control laws of this state, the General Assembly determines that the  
22 preparation, mixing, and serving of mixed drinks, beer, and wine for  
23 consumption only on the premises of a private club as defined in § 3-9-  
24 202(14) by the members thereof and their guests and the making of a charge  
25 for such services shall not be deemed to be a sale or be in violation of any  
26 law of this state prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter, loan, or giving  
27 away of intoxicating liquor ~~whenever~~

28 ~~(A) The alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine so consumed~~  
29 ~~have been furnished or drawn from private stocks thereof belonging to such~~  
30 ~~members, individually or in common under a so-called locker, pool, or~~  
31 ~~revolving fund system and are replenished only at the expense of such~~  
32 ~~members; and~~

33 ~~(B) The~~ the private club has acquired a permit from the  
34 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in such form as the board may appropriately  
35 determine.  
36

# Exhibit F

## **E. Conflicts Involving the Amendment of a Provision**

1. Act 288 – Act 944
2. Act 326 – Act 703
3. Act 384 – Act 863
4. Act 391 – Act 958

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 288 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1499

By: Representative Ray

By: Senator J. Payton

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE FOR  
PUBLIC PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE SALE AND PURCHASE PROCEDURE  
FOR PUBLIC PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a), concerning the sale procedure  
for public property, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1)(A) The several state boards or commissions having supervision  
of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other  
institutions of the State of Arkansas, ~~and all other state boards and  
commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and  
Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks,  
Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Division of Higher Education, and  
institutions of higher education,~~ and the executive heads of all state  
offices, departments, divisions, and agencies, all referred to separately as  
“state agency”, may sell or purchase, for cash in hand and upon compliance  
with the provisions of this section, the lands, in whole or in part,  
belonging to or under the supervision or control of the respective state  
agency or belonging to the state and held for the use or benefit of the state  
agency.

(B) State agencies may purchase lands, so that the lands,  
in whole or in part, shall belong to or be under the supervision or control  
of the respective state agency or belong to the state and be held for the use



1 or benefit of the state agency.

2 (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

3 (A) The sale of land by the Commissioner of State Lands;

4 (B) The transfer of state lands to political subdivisions  
5 of the State of Arkansas;

6 (C) The transfer of state lands between state entities; ~~or~~

7 (D) The exchange of state lands for other lands which are  
8 suitable for state purposes if the Secretary of the Department of Finance and  
9 Administration has made a recommendation to the Governor that the exchange be  
10 made and if the Governor has approved the exchange;

11 (E) The State Highway Commission;

12 (F) The Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

13 (G) The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission;

14 (H) The State Parks, Recreation, and Travel Commission;

15 (I) The Division of Higher Education; or

16 (J) An institution of higher education.

17  
18 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(1), concerning the sale  
19 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

20 (c)(1) In the event that a state agency elects to sell ~~certain~~ any of  
21 its lands or to purchase lands, the state agency shall ~~certify~~ submit its  
22 proposal for the sale or purchase of land to the Building Authority Division  
23 ~~its proposal for any sale or purchase~~ for approval before obtaining an  
24 appraisal of the land.

25  
26 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c)(2)(A), concerning the sale  
27 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2)(A) ~~The~~ If a proposal for the sale or purchase of land  
29 submitted under subdivision (c)(1) of this section is approved by the  
30 Building Authority Division, the state agency proposing the sale or purchase  
31 of land shall obtain the services of a qualified appraiser to appraise the  
32 lands so proposed to be sold or purchased, ~~with notice to the Secretary of~~  
33 ~~the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.~~

34  
35 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(c), concerning the sale procedure  
36 for public property, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as



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Act 944 of the Regular Session

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1797

By: Representative Beaty Jr.

By: Senator Gilmore

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; TO CLARIFY THE ROLE OF  
THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; TO  
TRANSFER THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE  
INDEPENDENCE OF THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE  
AUTHORITY; TO EXEMPT THE ARKANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE  
AUTHORITY FROM CERTAIN STATE REGULATIONS; TO DECLARE  
AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS  
DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY; AND TO  
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 15-5-102, concerning legislative findings and the declaration of public necessity related to the Arkansas Development Finance Authority, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(e) The General Assembly further finds that:

(1) The ongoing crisis in housing is limiting the ability of communities to improve and expand, hampering the state's economy and ability to compete for jobs and growth;

(2) A majority of states meet this challenge with a public finance agency that operates with lessened governmental regulation and



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1 (1) All active state employees, active public school employees,  
2 or other eligible employees of a participating entity or participating  
3 institution;

4 (2) Members of the General Assembly;

5 (3) Elected constitutional officers;

6 (4) Appointed or elected board and commission members who are on  
7 a full-time salaried basis; ~~and~~

8 (5)(A) Those state contract employees hired by the Arkansas  
9 National Guard on a full-time basis in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 2304.

10 (B) Program participation for contract employees of the  
11 Arkansas National Guard is conditioned upon the United States Government's  
12 contributing the employer's share to the Employee Benefits Division; and

13 (6) Employees and staff of the Arkansas Development Finance  
14 Authority.

15  
16 **SECTION 19.** Arkansas Code § 22-6-601(a)(1)(A), concerning the sale  
17 procedure for public property, is amended to read as follows:

18 (a)(1)(A) The several state boards or commissions having supervision  
19 of the affairs of the charitable, penal, correctional, educational, and other  
20 institutions of the State of Arkansas and all other state boards and  
21 commissions, except the State Highway Commission, the Arkansas State Game and  
22 Fish Commission, the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission, the State Parks,  
23 Recreation, and Travel Commission, the Division of Higher Education, the  
24 Arkansas Development Finance Authority, and institutions of higher education,  
25 and the executive heads of all state offices, departments, divisions, and  
26 agencies, all referred to separately as "state agency", may sell or purchase,  
27 for cash in hand and upon compliance with the provisions of this section, the  
28 lands, in whole or in part, belonging to or under the supervision or control  
29 of the respective state agency or belonging to the state and held for the use  
30 or benefit of the state agency.

31  
32 **SECTION 20.** Arkansas Code § 22-8-206, concerning the purchase of  
33 automobiles under the Automobile and Pickup Truck Acquisition Act for the  
34 State of Arkansas, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as  
35 follows:

36 (g) The Arkansas Development Finance Authority is exempt from this

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 326 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1516

By: Representative Richmond

By: Senator Crowell

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING EXAMINATIONS AND FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF FINES FOR ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN ACTIONS RELATED TO FOREST RESOURCES; TO ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND; TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF A PISTOL UPON THE DEATH OR RETIREMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND VARIOUS LAWS CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 2-40-106 is amended to read as follows:  
2-40-106. Examinations and findings.

(a)(1) Any veterinary inspector or other employee duly authorized by the ~~Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission~~ Department of Agriculture shall have the privilege of entering upon any property or premises in this state for the purpose of examining or testing animals which he or she has reason to believe are affected with a contagious or infectious disease so as to constitute a menace to the livestock and poultry of the community.

(2) He or she may call on one (1) or more peace officers. It shall be their duty to give him or her all assistance in their power.



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1 (b)(1) When ordered by the State Veterinarian, owners or persons in  
2 charge of animals shall assemble them at a designated time and place for the  
3 purpose of examining, testing, treating, necropsy, disinfecting, or for any  
4 other purpose.

5 (2)(A) If after examination of suspected animals the veterinary  
6 inspector shall find them to be affected with any reportable disease, he or  
7 she shall furnish the owner or person in charge of the animals with a report  
8 of his or her findings and with a copy of the existing law and rules of the  
9 commission department in regard to the disease.

10 (B) ~~Any person who, after notification, shall fail to~~  
11 ~~comply with the rules shall be guilty of an administrative penalty. He or she~~  
12 ~~shall also be liable for damages to others due to infection from his or her~~  
13 ~~stock. A person who, after notification, fails to comply with the~~ rules of  
14 the department shall be:

15 (1) Guilty of a violation and subject to a fine not to exceed  
16 three hundred dollars (\$300); and

17 (2) Liable for the damages to others due to infection from his  
18 or her stock.

19  
20 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §§ 15-31-113 and 15-31-114 are amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 15-31-113. Legislative findings – Purpose.

23 (a) The General Assembly finds:

24 (1) ~~The Arkansas Forestry Commission~~ Department of Agriculture  
25 enforces laws pertaining to wildland fires, timber theft, and unlawful  
26 dumping on forest land;

27 (2) Under current law, fines resulting from violations of the  
28 wildland fire laws are deposited with local school districts; and

29 (3) The law is silent on where to deposit fines resulting from  
30 violations of the dumping and timber theft laws.

31 (b) The purpose of this section and § 15-31-114 is to establish that  
32 fines generated by law enforcement activities of the ~~commission department~~ be  
33 deposited into the ~~State Forestry Fund~~ Department of Agriculture Law  
34 Enforcement Fund.

35  
36 15-31-114. Classification of fines.

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

**Act 703** of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
4

## A Bill

SENATE BILL 550

5 By: Senator Hill  
6 By: Representative Painter  
7

### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CERTAIN DUTIES OF  
10 THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION; TO  
11 CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ARKANSAS LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY  
12 COMMISSION TO THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH;  
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
14  
15

### Subtitle

17 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE ARKANSAS  
18 LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY COMMISSION TO THE  
19 ARKANSAS BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH.  
20

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
22

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 2-5-204(a)(1), concerning the powers and  
24 duties of the Department of Agriculture to administer the Livestock and  
25 Poultry Special Revenue Fund, is amended to read as follows:

26 (1) Administer this subchapter and the ~~Livestock and Poultry~~  
27 Animal Health Special Revenue Fund;  
28

29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 2-5-206(b), concerning fees collected under  
30 the Commercial Bait and Ornamental Fish Act, is amended to read as follows:

31 (b) All fees collected under this subchapter shall be deposited into  
32 the ~~Livestock and Poultry~~ Animal Health Special Revenue Fund to be used by  
33 the department to administer this subchapter.  
34

35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 2-6-106(e), concerning the collection of  
36 civil penalties under the Arkansas Catfish Processor Fair Practices Act of



1 infectious disease of animals;

2 (2) Establish and promulgate rules in regard to isolation or  
3 quarantine of infected animals, disinfection of animals and premises,  
4 destruction of incurably diseased animals, and disposal of carcasses as it  
5 may deem necessary to prevent the spread of disease;

6 (3) Promulgate rules for the protection of areas from which  
7 animal diseases may be eradicated; and

8 (4) Draft rules for compensation for owners of exposed or  
9 diseased animals and contaminated equipment or other material unsuitable for  
10 proper disinfection or destroyed, or for others for any other necessary  
11 expenses or for any other purpose, indemnity being subject to available  
12 funds.

13 (b) Any federal veterinary inspector working in Arkansas cooperating  
14 with the ~~commission~~ Department of Agriculture shall have the power of  
15 enforcing the rules of the ~~commission~~ board.

16  
17 **SECTION 25.** **Arkansas Code § 2-40-106** is amended to read as follows:

18 2-40-106. Examinations and findings.

19 (a)(1) Any veterinary inspector or other employee duly authorized by  
20 the ~~Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission~~ Department of Agriculture shall  
21 have the privilege of entering upon any property or premises in this state  
22 for the purpose of examining or testing animals which he or she has reason to  
23 believe are affected with a contagious or infectious disease so as to  
24 constitute a menace to the livestock and poultry of the community.

25 (2) He or she may call on one (1) or more peace officers. It  
26 shall be their duty to give him or her all assistance in their power.

27 (b)(1) When ordered by the State Veterinarian, owners or persons in  
28 charge of animals shall assemble them at a designated time and place for the  
29 purpose of examining, testing, treating, necropsy, disinfecting, or for any  
30 other purpose.

31 (2)(A) If after examination of suspected animals the veterinary  
32 inspector shall find them to be affected with any reportable disease, he or  
33 she shall furnish the owner or person in charge of the animals with a report  
34 of his or her findings and with a copy of the existing law and **rules of the**  
35 ~~commission~~ Arkansas Board of Animal Health in regard to the disease.

36 (B) Any person who, after notification, shall fail to

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**Act 384** of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/26/25 H3/3/25*

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1253

By: Representative L. Johnson

*By: Senator J. Boyd*

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ADOPT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT  
IN ARKANSAS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, is amended to add an  
additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 19 – Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate  
Compact

20-13-1901. Text of compact.

The Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact  
is enacted into law and entered into by this state with all states legally  
joining therein and in the form substantially as follows:

RECOGNITION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE  
COMPACT (“REPLICA”)

EMS PERSONNEL LICENSURE INTERSTATE COMPACT

SECTION 1. PURPOSE



This Compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any state member thereto, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member states. Nothing in this compact supersedes state law or rules related to licensure of EMS agencies.

20-13-1902. Administration of compact – Rules.

(a) The Department of Health is the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact administrator in this state.

(b) The department may adopt rules consistent with the compact that are necessary to implement this subchapter.

(c) The department is not required to adopt the rules of the Interstate Commission for EMS Personnel Practice for those rules to be effective in this state.

(d) For the purposes of the member state's ability to reject a rule under Section 12(B) of the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact, Arkansas delegates its authority in this provision to the General Assembly or the Legislative Council.

**SECTION 2.** Arkansas Code § 20-13-1102 is amended to read as follows:

*20-13-1102. Mandatory criminal history checks for emergency medical services personnel.*

*(a)(1) Any applicant applying for initial licensure shall complete a criminal history check form and shall request the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police to conduct a state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, on the applicant.*

*(2) The applicant shall pay all appropriate fees for the state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, as set forth by the bureau.*

*(3) The applicant shall attach the criminal history check form to the Arkansas emergency medical services personnel licensure application.*

*(b) The Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of Health shall conduct a state ~~or~~ and national criminal history check, ~~or both~~, on the applicant and determine whether the applicant is disqualified from licensure based on the report of the applicant's criminal history and forward its determination to the applicant directly.*



Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 863 of the Regular Session

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1767

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
ADVISORY COUNCIL; TO CREATE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE; TO TRANSFER THE POWERS  
AND DUTIES OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COUNCIL TO THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE AND THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ABOLISH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND TO CREATE  
THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Abolition of Emergency Medical Services  
Advisory Council.

(a)(1) The Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council is abolished,  
and its authority, duties, and functions are transferred to the Emergency  
Medical Services Advisory Committee of the Department of Health.

(2) All administrative functions, including the functions of  
budgeting or purchasing, records, contracts, personnel, property, and  
unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds shall  
remain with the Department of Health.

(b)(1) The abolishment of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory  
Council does not affect the orders, rules, directives, registration,



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1 for relicensure under ~~Arkansas EMS Rules~~ Rules for Emergency Medical  
2 Services, 20 CAR pt. 81;

3  
4 SECTION 25. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1102(b), concerning mandatory  
5 criminal history checks for emergency medical services personnel, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) ~~The Division of Emergency Medical Services of the Department of~~  
8 Health shall conduct a state or national criminal history check, or both, on  
9 the applicant and determine whether the applicant is disqualified from  
10 licensure based on the report of the applicant's criminal history and forward  
11 its determination to the applicant directly.

12  
13 SECTION 26. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1105 is amended to read as follows:  
14 20-13-1105. Response – File copies.

15 ~~The Division of Emergency Medical Services of the~~ Department of Health  
16 shall maintain on file for a period of three (3) years, subject to inspection  
17 by the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the Identification Bureau of the  
18 Division of Arkansas State Police, a copy of each criminal history check  
19 completed by all applicants requesting state licensure.

20  
21 SECTION 27. The introductory language of Arkansas Code § 20-13-  
22 1106(a)(1), concerning disqualifying offenses for emergency medical services  
23 certification, is amended to read as follows:

24 (a)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(1) of this section, the  
25 ~~Division of Emergency Medical Services~~ Department of Health shall issue a  
26 determination that a person is disqualified from certification or  
27 recertification if the person has been found guilty of or has pleaded guilty  
28 or nolo contendere in a state court, inside or outside of this state, or a  
29 federal court, to any of the following offenses or similar conduct under  
30 another jurisdiction, including offenses for which the record has been  
31 expunged:

32  
33 SECTION 28. Arkansas Code § 20-13-1106(a)(2), concerning disqualifying  
34 offenses for emergency medical services certification, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

36 (2)(A) However, the ~~division~~ department shall forward a request

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

Act 391 of the Regular Session

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1488

By: Representative Wardlaw

By: Senator Gilmore

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR  
LIFE INSURANCE; TO REQUIRE AN INSURER TO PAY INTEREST  
ON DEFERRED PAYMENT OF ANY CASH SURRENDER VALUE UNDER  
CERTAIN POLICIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW  
FOR LIFE INSURANCE; AND TO REQUIRE AN  
INSURER TO PAY INTEREST ON DEFERRED  
PAYMENT OF ANY CASH SURRENDER VALUE  
UNDER CERTAIN POLICIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 23-81-203(c), concerning the right of an  
insurer to defer the payment of any cash surrender value Standard  
Nonforfeiture Law for Life Insurance, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The insurer shall reserve the right to defer the payment of any  
cash surrender value for a period of six (6) months after demand therefor  
with surrender of the policy, subject to the following:

(1) The policy death benefit shall remain in full force and  
effect until payment is made; and

(2) If payment is not made within thirty (30) days after demand  
is made for the surrender of the policy, in addition to the cash surrender  
value, the insurer shall pay interest on the cash surrender value at the  
prime rate as published in the Wall Street Journal on the day that the demand  
is made for surrender of the policy and accruing from the date of surrender



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until the cash surrender value is paid in full within the six-month period.

*/s/Wardlaw*

**APPROVED: 3/25/25**

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Act 958 of the Regular Session

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## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

SENATE BILL 519

By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW FOR  
LIFE INSURANCE; TO REGULATE THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST  
ON DEFERRED PAYMENT OF ANY CASH SURRENDER VALUE  
ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE POLICY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE STANDARD NONFORFEITURE LAW  
FOR LIFE INSURANCE; AND TO REGULATE THE  
PAYMENT OF INTEREST ON DEFERRED PAYMENT  
OF ANY CASH SURRENDER VALUE ACCORDING TO  
THE TERMS OF THE POLICY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

**SECTION 1.** Arkansas Code § 23-81-203(c), concerning the right of an  
insurer to defer the payment of any cash surrender value Standard  
Nonforfeiture Law for Life Insurance, is amended to read as follows:

(c) ~~The~~ On and after January 1, 2026, the insurer shall reserve the  
right to defer the payment of any cash surrender value for a period of six  
(6) months after demand therefor with surrender of the policy according to  
the terms of the policy, subject to the following:

(1) The policy death benefit shall remain in force until payment  
is made; and

(2) If payment is not made within forty-five (45) days after  
demand is made for the surrender of the policy, in addition to the cash  
surrender value, the insurer shall pay interest on the cash surrender at the



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rate specified under § 23-81-118 and accruing from the date of surrender  
until the cash surrender value is paid in full within the six-month period.

*/s/J. Boyd*

**APPROVED: 4/21/25**