EXHIBIT B

MINUTES
HOUSE EARLY CHILDHOOD PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 14, 2026
3:00 PM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Committee members present: Representatives Denise Garner, Chair; Karilyn Brown, Vice Chair, Tony Furman, Julie Mayberry, Stetson Painter, DeAnn Vaught, and Keith Brooks, ex officio

Other members present: Senators Brad Simon and Dan Sullivan; Representatives Joy Springer and Jeremy Wooldridge

Representative Garner called the meeting to order.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve the August 17, 2026, Meeting Minutes [Exhibit B]
Representative Karilyn Brown made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Furman, and the motion carried.

Update on Arkansas Head Start and Early Head Start
Angela Blankenship, Head Start Collaboration Office Director, Arkansas Department of Education, shared information about the structure and funding streams of Head Start and how the program connects with state services for early childhood education.

Presentation of "School Readiness: An Examination of Early Childhood Education Policy" [Exhibit D]
Anna Morshedi, Policy Director, Appleseed Legal Justice Center, presented information about early education in Arkansas, how we got here, what the current system costs, what we know about the return on the investment, and policy options that aim to support the early childhood education system.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

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