

Notice of Rulemaking

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201 et seq., notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Board of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education are considering proposed revisions to the ADE Rules Governing the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program and the Academic Distress Program. A public hearing will be held on August 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. in the ADE Auditorium; Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201. The proposed revisions consist of the following: (1) amended provisions reflecting revised Arkansas law; (2) a new definition of academic distress; and (3) provisions related to the ADE's flexibility proposal as approved by the United States Department of Education. A complete electronic copy of the Arkansas Department of Education's ESEA Flexibility Request, as approved by the United States Department of Education on June 29, 2012, can be found at: <http://arkansased.org/programs/pdf/AR%20Final%206.18.12%20Revised%20.pdf>. Written comments should be mailed to the Office of General Counsel at Four Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201; emailed to ADE.RulesComments@arkansas.gov; or submitted online at <http://arkansased.org/about/rules/pending.html>. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained at the Arkansas Department of Education, Office of General Counsel, Four Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201 or by accessing the Department's website at <http://arkansased.org>.