

## 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 implementing new additions and proposed revisions to its Rules. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the ADE Auditorium at Four Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR. Written comments should be mailed to the Office of Legal Services at Four Capitol Mall, Room 404-A, Little Rock, AR 72201. The proposed Rules include, but are not limited to: Proposed Rules Governing Background Checks and Licensure Revocation; Repeal of current Rules Governing Criminal Background Checks for Substitute Teachers; Repeal of current Rules Governing the Requirement of a Criminal Background Check for the Employment of Personnel in School Districts; and Revisions to current Rules Governing Highly Qualified Teachers Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Rules Governing Eligibility and Financial Incentives for Certified Speech-Language Pathologists, and Rules Governing Incentives for Teacher Recruitment and Retention in High Priority Districts with an Average Daily Membership of 1,000 or Fewer. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from the Office of Legal Services at the address above or by accessing the Department's website at <http://arkansased.org>.