

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING ARKANSAS MILITARY CHILD SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

These rules were amended to add language per Act 1031 of 2021. Act 1031 of 2021 clarified the purpose of the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act. The rules were amended to reflect same. The rules were also amended to include additional definitions and update definitions per the Act. The rules were amended per the Act to include a defined list of United States Department of Defense and Arkansas military installations.

The “Application” section of the rules was amended to clarify per Act 1031 that the rules apply to dual status military technicians and traditional members of the National Guard and reserve components of the armed forces who are relocating to Arkansas for employment or to serve as a member of an Arkansas-based reserve component unit.

The “Public School District Duties” section of the rules was amended to add additional language per Act 1031 including language regarding the option for districts to request sending and receiving districts outside of the state to assist with services for families that are covered under Arkansas state law but may not be covered under the interstate compact. The rules were also amended to add language per Act 1031 regarding enrollment of inbound transitioning children of military families in virtual distance-learning or digital coursework.

The rules have also been amended to state that the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education shall cooperate with the Arkansas Council for Military Children to develop a guidance document to assist parents with the applications and provisions of the Arkansas Military Child School Transitions Act and these rules.