

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION OF ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Section 1-A.4.1 is amended to incorporate provisions of Act 688 of 2021.

Section 1-A.5 and 1-A.6 are amended to separate class size and teaching load into two standards for purposes of monitoring.

Section 1-B.3 is amended to simplify the standard for purposes of monitoring.

Sections 1-C.2.7 and 4-D.6 are added to incorporate provisions of Act 414 of 2021.

Section 3-A.7, 3-A.10.1, 3-A.10.2, and 3-B.2 are all amended for clarity in monitoring.

POST-PUBLIC COMMENT

Following public comment, the proposed rules were amended to require that a request for a Standards for Accreditation waiver be sent to DESE's Assistant Commissioner for Public School Accountability instead of the Office of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. Technical changes also were made.