

**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES
GOVERNING THE CODE OF ETHICS GOVERNING ARKANSAS EDUCATORS
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES**

Commenter Name: Lucas Harder, Arkansas School Boards Association; May 22, 2024

Comments:

2.01: I would recommend removing the reference to Act 96 of 2021 as it was incorporated into the previous changes to the rules.

14.2.15.2: This should be 14.2.20.2 instead of 14.2.16.2.

14.4.2: I would recommend changing “to the State Board on its consent agenda” to “to the State Board for placement on its consent agenda” to clarify that it is the State Board’s consent agenda.

16.1: I would recommend changing “from a consent agenda” to “from its consent agenda” to align with other references to the State Board’s consent agenda in the rules.

16.3.4: There is a “the” missing from in front of “State Board”.

Division Response: **Comments considered. Non-substantive changes made.**

Commenter Name: Mike Mertens, Assistant Executive Director, AAEA; June 10, 2024

Comments: Section 10.0 - Mandatory Filing of Allegation and Ethics Violations Review
Concern: The new language requires a supervisor at an Arkansas public educational setting to file an ethics complaint of Standard 1 of the Code of Ethics within 24 hours. This is problematic since the current process for filing a complaint requires a form to be completed, printed, and mailed.

Suggestion: Consider changing the filing process to allow for an electronic submittal.

Division Response: **Comments considered. No changes made.**
