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What's New?

Welcome to 'In the Know with APSRC,' your monthly newsletter packed with the latest news, upcoming events, valuable resources, and more. We're excited to share our recent activities and give you a sneak peek into our future plans. Keep reading to discover an array of resources and announcements you won't want to miss!



Legal & Policy

95th General Assembly - Regular Session

Pre-filing Bills and Resolutions began November 15, 2024. **Approximately 64 House bills and 11 Senate bills have been filed to date.** Pre-Session Budget Hearings have come and gone. The budget hearings of the Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) began October 8, 2024 and are concluded now.

APSRC Support

APSRC assembles a legislative team every year to track, draft, and amend bills as necessary. Our team has been working on the 95th Regular Session for a couple of months now. We attend all committee hearings related to tracked bills to monitor House and Senate floor debates and votes.

APSRC Support

Our Communications Department sends TWO daily updates to members via email. Today at the Capitol goes out each morning with a linked agenda to what is on the calendar that day and what education-related items will be covered. The Evening Capitol Report goes out at the end of each day, summarizing committee meetings and provides status updates on education-related items.

Bill Tracking

The MY EDgislation dashboard provides a single location to search across multiple years, Sessions, Bills, Acts, Commissioner's Memos, Rules, as well as our daily Capitol summaries provided by our Communications Department. APSRC members can access this interactive dashboard through Discere and CFAM.

Questions? Contact Michael Helms or Tripp Walter.

Important Dates

- Regular session is scheduled to begin, January 13, 2025.
- Deadline to file retirement legislation: January 27, 2025.
- Deadline to file certain health care legislation: January 27, 2025.
- Deadline to file employee health benefits plans legislation: January 27, 2025.
- Deadline to file constitutional amendments: February 12, 2025.
- Deadline to file lottery-funded scholarship legislation: February 12, 2025.
- Deadline to file appropriation bills: March 3, 2025

Resources

APSRC members have exclusive access to resources available only to members. To access them, log in to your Discere account, open the left-hand navigation menu, and click on the 'Resources' tab. If you're an APSRC member, this tab will be visible. From there, you can explore the Resources page, which includes resources organized by APSRC departments. Among these are the 2023 and 2024 communications legislative summaries.

Are you on-track for filing E-Rate for FY2024?

Form 470 for requesting services has a posted due date of March 27, 2025, but with the required minimum 30-day window for posting and questions, is more realistically February 26, 2025, and ideally sooner than that! It's a good general scheduling rule to have any needed form 470s filed before the Christmas break, to give time for reviewing and re-filing others if needed. It's not too late to start filing.

While APSRC is not a replacement for an E-Rate consultant, a number of our staff have been through the process and are more than willing to help get you started or to work with you through the process. Contact Ben Janelle or Jim Robb with any questions.

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Holiday Office Closures

The APSRC Offices will be closed starting December 23, 2024, and will reopen on January 2, 2025, in observance of the upcoming holidays.

Our team is wishing you a safe and Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

