

PROCUREMENT LAWS AND ETHICS

Procurement laws provide requisitioners, buyers, and other procurement officials an ethical and legal framework for purchasing and contracting on behalf of the public. *(Refer to A.C.A. § 19-11-701 – 718 for procurement laws regarding ethics.)*

According to A.C.A. § 19-11-703 Statement of Policy, “public employment is a public trust.” As a guardian of the public trust, you should execute your duties as a State employee with the utmost integrity.

The primary collection of laws governing Arkansas procurement can be found in Title 19, Chapter 11, Subchapter 2 of the Arkansas Code Annotated titled “Arkansas Procurement Law.” With certain exceptions, Arkansas Procurement Law applies to every State agency expenditure of public funds under any contract.

How to Read Arkansas Procurement Law Citations

Example: A.C.A § **19-11-241**

- The **19** is the Title where the law can be found, in this case, Title 19.
- The **11** is the Chapter of the title in which the law can be found, in this case, Chapter 11 of Title 19.
- The **2** is the Subchapter of the Chapter and Title where the law can be found, in this case, Subchapter 2 of Chapter 11 of Title 19.
- The **41** is the Section of the Subchapter, Chapter and Title where the law can be found. In this case, it’s the 41st section of Subchapter 2, Chapter 11, Title 19.

Rules created by TSS OSP clarify the statutory law or provide a process for the law to be implemented. The Rules must be followed to the same extent as the statutory law.