



STATE OF ARKANSAS

House of Representatives



**NEWSLETTER FROM REP. Matthew J.
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**STATEMENT FROM SPEAKER MATTHEW J.
SHEPHERD**

Arkansas House Speaker Matthew Shepherd has released the following statement:

“As we have stated before emergency clause votes are recorded separately in the House Journal. Voting in the House is a matter of process which the House has the authority to determine. With regard to the LEARNS Act the House handled it consistent with its long-standing Constitutional practice, which years of Republican and Democratic members have followed and participated in. It’s unfortunate that such is now being challenged; however, I am confident the Constitutionality of the legislative process will be upheld. “