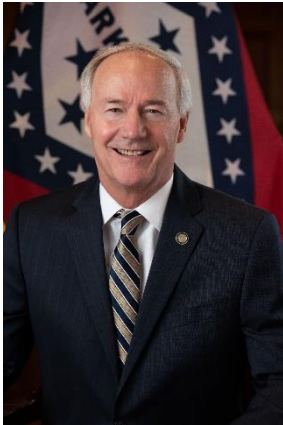




# ARKANSAS AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

## AADA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE #11

August 3, 2021



### GOVERNOR CALLS FOR SPECIAL SESSION

Gov. Hutchinson called for the legislature to convene in a special session tomorrow, August 4, 2021, at 10 a.m. with the focus of the session to create an exception to the law prohibiting state and local governments from implementing mask mandates for public school boards, and affirming the decision of the state Workforce Services Administration director to end Arkansas' participation in supplemental federal unemployment benefits of \$300 per week.

This call for a special session follows the Governor's Executive Order, [EO 21-14](#), reinstating the public health emergency. The Arkansas House of Representatives and state Senate completed its review of this order today and will allow it to continue for the next 60-days.

### ***WHAT THIS MEANS FOR DEALERS***

Unlike previous executive orders related to COVID-19, there are no restrictions or mandates for businesses to implement mask policies. Additionally, the special session will only cover the two topics listed above. As a result, mask policies will remain at the discretion of each business, and the Governor has reiterated several times he will not request this mandate from the General Assembly.

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