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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 526

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND  
9 TRANSPARENCY PANEL; TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT  
10 PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND  
15 TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND TO INCREASE  
16 DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND  
17 TRANSPARENCY PANEL.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(a), concerning the creation of the  
24 Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) The Data and Transparency Panel is created within the ~~Division of~~  
26 ~~Information Systems~~ Department of Transformation and Shared Services.  
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28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(b)(3), concerning the creation of  
29 the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

30 (3) The secretaries, directors, or their designees, of the  
31 following entities:

32 (A) The ~~Arkansas Crime Information Center~~ Department of  
33 Public Safety;

34 (B) The ~~Division of Arkansas State Police~~ Department of  
35 Inspector General;

36 (C) The ~~Division of Career and Technical Education~~



1 Department of Education;

2 (D) ~~The Division of Community Correction~~ Department of  
 3 Energy and Environment;

4 (E) ~~The Division of Correction~~ Department of Corrections;

5 (F) ~~The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~  
 6 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism;

7 (G) The Department of Finance and Administration;

8 (H) The Department of Health;

9 (I) ~~The Division of Higher Education~~ Department of  
 10 Agriculture;

11 (J) The Department of Human Services;

12 (K) ~~The Division of Information Systems~~ Department of  
 13 Transformation and Shared Services;

14 (L) The Department of Labor and Licensing;

15 (M) ~~The Division of Workforce Services~~ Department of  
 16 Veteran Affairs; and

17 (N) ~~The Office of Skills Development~~ Department of the  
 18 Military; and

19 (O) The Department of Commerce;

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 21 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(c), concerning the creation of the  
 22 Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c) The panel shall:

24 (1) ~~Perform a feasibility and cost study on the development of a~~  
 25 ~~statewide data warehouse program;~~

26 ~~(2)~~ Evaluate and identify data to be included in the statewide  
 27 data warehouse program;

28 ~~(3)~~(2) Determine and recommend procedures necessary for the  
 29 implementation of a statewide data warehouse program;

30 ~~(4)~~(3) Oversee a statewide data warehouse program implemented in  
 31 this state;

32 ~~(5)~~(4) Evaluate and identify data that may be provided to the  
 33 public in accordance with data standards and specifications developed by the  
 34 Division of Information Systems;

35 (5) Engage other divisions, boards, and commissions by  
 36 soliciting input on information sharing opportunities;

1           (6) Provide annual reports to the Joint Committee on Advanced  
2 Communications and Information Technology; and

3           (7) Develop a unified longitudinal system that links existing  
4 siloed agency information for education and workforce outcomes to  
5 continuously conduct a business systems assessment to:

6                   (A) Help the leaders of this state and service providers  
7 develop an improved understanding of individual outcomes resulting from  
8 education and workforce pipelines in Arkansas;

9                   (B) Identify opportunities for improvement by using real-  
10 time information; and

11                   (C) Continuously align programs and resources to the  
12 evolving economy of this state.

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