1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H3/10/03 H3/19/03	
2	84th General Assembly	[°] A Bill	Act 1035 of 2003
3	Regular Session, 2003		HOUSE BILL 2241
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5	By: Representative Napper		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE		
10	ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE; AND FOR OTHER		
11	PURPOSI	ES.	
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13		Subtitle	
14	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT		
15	OF 7	THE ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIV	Ε.
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18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	ARKANSAS:
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20	SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds and determines that there is a		
21	lack of Arkansas specific information and data to guide officials responsible		
22	for policy decisions, and that making this data readily available to decision		
23	makers is essential t	to the creation of effective health	n policy for the state.
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25		(1) The Director of the Arkansas	
26		ablish and maintain a program to a	access health data to
27		nsas Health Data Initiative".	
28		Arkansas Health Data Initiative sh	
29		n the Arkansas Center for Health In	
30	(b) The purpose of the Arkansas Health Data initiative is to serve as		
31	an access point for studies concerning state and federal health information,		
32	to inform and support Arkansas health policy officials.		
33	(c) Policy development and access to data under the Arkansas Data		
34	Health Initiative is contingent upon the availability of funding to support		
35	projects under the in	<u>iitiative.</u>	
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1	SECTION 3. (a) To facilitate operation of the Arkansas Health Data			
2	Initiative, the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement is authorized, if			
3	agreed to by state agencies responsible for maintaining requested data			
4	sources, to have access to the agencies' information and data.			
5	(b) Data under subsection (a) of this section include:			
6	(1) Public health databases;			
7	(2) Health care utilization data;			
8	(3) Financial data related to the procurement of health or			
9	health care related services;			
10	(4) Data supplied as part of mandated reporting requirements to			
11	state agencies by entities, including, but not limited to, other state			
12	agencies and departments, nonstate entities, external vendors, and other			
13	entities as identified by the Arkansas Health Data Initiative;			
14	(5) Data collected an maintained under the State Health Data			
15	Clearinghouse Act of 1995; and			
16	(6) Other data sources supported and maintained with state			
17	<u>funds.</u>			
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19	SECTION 4. The Department of Information Services, the Department of			
20	Finance and Administration, the Department of Health, the Department of Human			
21	Services, Insurance Department, and all other appropriate departments,			
22	agencies, subcontractors, and officers shall promulgate rules to implement			
23	this act.			
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26	/s/ Napper			
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29	APPROVED: 4/2/2003			
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