

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2241

5 By: Representative Napper  
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## 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 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 OF THE ARKANSAS HEALTH DATA INITIATIVE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF 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 to the creation of effective health policy for the state.  
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25 SECTION 2. (a)(1) The Director of the Arkansas Center for Health  
26 Improvement shall establish and maintain a program to access health data to  
27 be known as the "Arkansas Health Data Initiative".

28 (2) The Arkansas Health Data Initiative shall be administered  
29 and maintained within the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement.

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 initiative.  
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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, upon  
3 agreement 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 under mandated reporting requirements to state  
11 agencies responsible for maintaining requested data sources, to have access  
12 to that collected information and data;

13                   (5) Data collected an maintained under the State Health Data  
14 Clearinghouse Act of 1995; and

15                   (6) Other data sources supported and maintained with state  
16 funds.

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18            SECTION 4. The Department of Information Services, the Department of  
19 Finance and Administration, the Department of Health, the Department of Human  
20 Services, Insurance Department, and all other appropriate departments,  
21 agencies, subcontractors, and officers shall promulgate rules to implement  
22 this act.

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