

**MINUTES**  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH**  
**Monday, July 24, 2023**  
**1:00 PM**  
**JPH Convention Center, North AR College South Campus - 1515 Pioneer Drive**  
**Harrison, Arkansas**

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Committee members present: Senators Bryan King, Chair, Alan Clark, Vice-Chair, and Dan Sullivan

Other members present: Senator Breanne Davis; Representatives Matt Duffield, and Ron McNair

Senator King called meeting to order.

**Discussion of Crypto Mining and Impact on Child Centers and Institutions of Higher Education**

Cameron Baker, Managing Member, Cryptic Farms, and Tom Harford, Founder and Board Member, Arkansas Blockchain Council, discussed how the Cryptic Farms facility works, the amount of employees it would take to operate it, and defined the differences between data centers and crypto mines.

Jerry Jackson, Mayor, City of Harrison, expressed his concerns about the potential noise level coming from Crypto Farm's substations and asked if there is a plan for noise reduction.

Wade W. Phillips, PE, Director of Public Works/City Engineer for City of Harrison, stated his concerns about the noise and requested clarification on the zoning codes that were approved for the substations to be built.

Nancy Cartwright, City Attorney, City of Harrison, expressed interest in expansion or grant of authority to local government in Act 851 of 2023 and wanted to know if the definition of "ordinance" as listed in 14-1-503(10) required for the intended application of Act 851 of 2023.

In addition, the committee heard public testimony.

With no further business, the meeting was 3:30 p.m.