

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **First Extraordinary Session, 1992**  
4 **By: Joint Budget Committee**

Call Item 37  
**A Bill ACT 4 OF 1992**  
HOUSE BILL 1009

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENTER  
9 INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A  
10 STATEWIDE COMPUTER NETWORK; TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
11 SYSTEM COMPUTER NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES."

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

16 SECTION 1. Act 1034 of 1991 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the  
17 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System to provide a loan to the Department of  
18 Education for a state-wide computer system capable of linking all public  
19 school systems and the State Department of Education. In order to provide  
20 alternatives to accomplish the purposes of Act 1034 of 1991, the Department of  
21 Education is hereby authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with  
22 IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc. for the development of a state-wide computer  
23 system capable of linking all public school systems and the Department of  
24 Education, from funds provided by a loan from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement  
25 System.

27 SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall maintain oversight  
28 authority over the approval of all standards, procedures and specifications  
29 determined by the Department of Education regarding the purchase and or lease  
30 of the state-wide computer network in addition to maintaining oversight  
31 authority over the operational aspects of the system.

33 SECTION 3. As a means of providing assistance to, and coordination of  
34 efforts between the Department of Education, IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc. and  
35 users of the state-wide computer network, there is hereby created the "Public  
36 School System Computer Network Advisory Council".

1 The members of the Public School System Computer Network Advisory Council  
2 shall serve without pay and represent citizens and users of the network and  
3 data. The members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the  
4 Director of the Department of Education. The Director of the Department of  
5 Education shall be designated as chairman of the Public School System Computer  
6 Network Advisory Council.

7 In addition to providing assistance and coordination, the Council may  
8 also assist and offer advice regarding the purchase and or lease of equipment  
9 utilized in the computer network system.

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11 SECTION 4. The Director of the Department of Education is hereby  
12 authorized to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer  
13 of appropriation authorized for School District Management and Statewide Data  
14 Collection by the General Assembly to any other line item appropriation  
15 authorized for the Department of Education for the same purpose.

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17 SECTION 5. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
18 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
19 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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21 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
22 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
23 invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
24 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
25 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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27 SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
28 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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30 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
31 Seventy-Eight General Assembly, meeting in 1st Extraordinary Session, that  
32 there is an immediate need to implement the public school system state-wide  
33 computer network which will link all the public schools and the Department of  
34 Education, thereby enhancing the effective and efficient operations of the  
35 public school system in Arkansas; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared

1 to exist, and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the  
2 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect upon its  
3 passage and approval.

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