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1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **80th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1995**
4 **By: Representative Pollan**

A Bill

ACT 1309 OF 1995
HOUSE BILL 2152

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)
9 TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SERVICES TO CONDUCT
10 A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF ASSIGNMENT OF
11 COMMON IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TO CLIENTS FOR THE USE IN A
12 DEPARTMENT-WIDE DATABASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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16 SERVICES (DHS) TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT
17 OF COMPUTER SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY
18 OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT OF
19 COMMON IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TO
20 CLIENTS."

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

24 SECTION 1. As used in this act:

- 25 (1) "Child" means any person under the age of twenty-one;
26 (2) "Client" means any child or relative of a child who is receiving or
27 has received services or benefits from the Department of Human Services; and
28 (3) "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

30 SECTION 2. (a) The department shall request the Department of Computer
31 Services to conduct a study as to the feasibility and cost of assignment of
32 identification numbers to each client and establishment of the data base which
33 will track clients by their identification number. This study shall include a
34 review of the feasibility and legality of providing access to information from
35 all divisions.

36 (b) The Department of Computer Services shall include all agencies in

1 *their study which provide services to the same clients as the department to*
2 *include, but is not limited to, the Department of Health, the Department of*
3 *Education, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of*
4 *Community Punishment, and the Department of Correction.*

5 *(c) The Department of Computer Services shall provide monthly progress*
6 *reports of this study to the Arkansas Communications Study Committee and the*
7 *Joint Committee on Children and Youth.*

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9 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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13 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.

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19 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.

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22 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General
23 Assembly that it is imperative a study be conducted to assist in determining
24 the feasibility of development of a common identification numbering system
25 which would provide employees of the Department of Human Services with
26 information regarding services which have been provided or are being provided
27 to children; that this act so provides; and that this act should go into
28 effect immediately in order to establish the tracking system as soon as
29 possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act
30 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
31 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and
32 approval.

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/s/Rep. Pollan

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