

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2003
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As Engrossed: H4/7/03
A Bill

Act 1810 of 2003
HOUSE BILL 2497

5 By: Representative Lendall
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS DIGITAL LIBRARY AS
10 PART OF THE ARKANSAS STATE LIBRARY; TO PROVIDE
11 PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DIGITAL LIBRARY IN EACH
12 COUNTY IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS DIGITAL
16 LIBRARY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Title.

22 This act may be referred to as the "Arkansas Digital Library Act".
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24 SECTION 2. Creation.

25 (a)(1) The Department of Higher Education and the Arkansas State
26 Library shall develop a digitized collection of information that includes
27 information that is in the public domain, cleared for public distribution
28 over the Internet, and to which students of public post-secondary schools in
29 Arkansas have access.

30 (2) The digitized information under this act shall be available
31 for public access in at least one (1) location in each Arkansas county.

32 (b)(1) The department and the Arkansas State Library shall develop
33 criteria regarding the selection of materials to be digitized, the need for
34 public access, and the means of cataloging or indexing the materials and
35 digitizing them.

36 (2) Materials to be digitized may include print documents, text,



1 manuscripts, photographs, art reproductions, postcards, illustrations, sound,
2 film, and video.

3 (c) The department shall make grants under this act to assist public
4 post-secondary institutions and other public or private entities in:

5 (1) Selecting and digitizing information; and

6 (2) Developing and providing access to the digital collection at
7 least one (1) location in each Arkansas county.

8 (d)(1) Each post-secondary public institution in Arkansas shall
9 cooperate with the Department of Education in developing the digitized
10 collection under this act.

11 (2) Each postsecondary public institution and any entity
12 receiving a grant under this act shall develop a plan to inform the public
13 regarding the use of the resources made available under this act.

14 (3) Funds made available under this act may be used by the
15 receiving entities to obtain matching funds from federal programs.

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17 /s/ Lendall
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20 **APPROVED: BECAME LAW ON 5/6/2003, THIS BILL HAVING REMAINED WITH THE**
21 **GOVERNOR 20 DAYS AFTER ADJOURNMENT HAS BECOME LAW.**
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