A Bill

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(a), concerning the creation of the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:
(a) The Data and Transparency Panel is created within the Division of Information Systems Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(b)(3), concerning the creation of the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:
(3) The secretaries, directors, or their designees, of the following entities:
(A) The Arkansas Crime Information Center Department of Public Safety;
(B) The Division of Arkansas State Police Department of Inspector General;
(C) The Division of Career and Technical Education
Department of Education;

(D) The Division of Community Correction Department of Energy and Environment;

(E) The Division of Correction Department of Corrections;

(F) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism;

(G) The Department of Finance and Administration;

(H) The Department of Health;

(I) The Division of Higher Education Department of Agriculture;

(J) The Department of Human Services;

(K) The Division of Information Systems Department of Transformation and Shared Services;

(L) The Department of Labor and Licensing;

(M) The Division of Workforce Services Department of Veteran Affairs; and

(N) The Office of Skills Development Department of the Military; and

(O) The Department of Commerce;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(c), concerning the creation of the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The panel shall:

(1) Perform a feasibility and cost study on the development of a statewide data warehouse program;

(2) Evaluate and identify data to be included in the statewide data warehouse program;

(3) Determine and recommend procedures necessary for the implementation of a statewide data warehouse program;

(4) Oversee a statewide data warehouse program implemented in this state;

(5) Evaluate and identify data that may be provided to the public in accordance with data standards and specifications developed by the Division of Information Systems;

(6) Engage other divisions, boards, and commissions by soliciting input on information sharing opportunities;
(6) Provide annual reports to the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology; and

(7) Develop a unified longitudinal system that links existing siloed agency information for education and workforce outcomes to continuously conduct a business systems assessment to:

   (A) Help the leaders of this state and service providers develop an improved understanding of individual outcomes resulting from education and workforce pipelines in Arkansas;

   (B) Identify opportunities for improvement by using real-time information; and

   (C) Continuously align programs and resources to the evolving economy of this state.

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