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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE
10 TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS
15 CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 25, is
21 repealed.

22 ~~Subchapter 25 — Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force Act~~
23 ~~10-3-2501. Title.~~

24 ~~This subchapter shall be known as the “Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure~~
25 ~~Task Force Act”.~~
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27 ~~10-3-2502. Findings.~~

28 ~~In establishing the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, the~~
29 ~~General Assembly finds that:~~

30 ~~(1) Implementation and sustainment of the 2008~~
31 ~~Cyberinfrastructure Strategic Plan and associated policy development for~~
32 ~~cyberinfrastructure are crucial to the future of the state and its citizens~~
33 ~~and that the General Assembly must approach cyberinfrastructure policy~~
34 ~~development thoughtfully and consider both near-term and strategic goals in~~
35 ~~its deliberations; and~~

36 ~~(2) The state will benefit from an improved understanding of~~



1 ~~cyberinfrastructure and the recommendation of cyberinfrastructure policies to~~
 2 ~~leverage technology investments in order to:~~

3 ~~(A) Energize the economic development system of the state;~~
 4 ~~and~~

5 ~~(B) Evolve cyberinfrastructure for the benefit of~~
 6 ~~education, research, and business creation, including specifically~~
 7 ~~commercialization of value added products and services that increase gross~~
 8 ~~state product, per capita income, and job and wealth creation in the state's~~
 9 ~~economic development strategies.~~

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 11 ~~10-3-2503. Definition.~~

12 ~~As used in this subchapter, "cyberinfrastructure" means shared high-~~
 13 ~~performance computing, data storage systems, data repositories, advanced~~
 14 ~~instruments, data center facilities, visualization environments, and people,~~
 15 ~~all linked together by software and an advanced statewide optical network to~~
 16 ~~improve and enable breakthroughs not otherwise possible.~~

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 18 ~~10-3-2504. Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force Creation—Members.~~

19 ~~(a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the~~
 20 ~~"Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force", to be composed of:~~

21 ~~(1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration~~
 22 ~~or his or her designee;~~

23 ~~(2) The Director of the Department of Information Systems or his~~
 24 ~~or her designee;~~

25 ~~(3) The President of the Arkansas Science and Technology~~
 26 ~~Authority or his or her designee;~~

27 ~~(4) The chair or his or her designee and the vice chair or his~~
 28 ~~or her designee of the Senate Committee on Public Transportation, Technology,~~
 29 ~~and Legislative Affairs;~~

30 ~~(5) The chair or his or her designee and the vice chair or his~~
 31 ~~or her designee of the Committee on Advanced Communications and Information~~
 32 ~~Technology;~~

33 ~~(6)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore~~
 34 ~~of the Senate from a list of ten (10) persons submitted by the Arkansas~~
 35 ~~Broadband Advisory Council.~~

36 ~~(B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of~~

1 ~~this section shall include:~~

2 ~~(i) One (1) member with expertise in optical~~
3 ~~networks;~~

4 ~~(ii) One (1) member with expertise in high-~~
5 ~~performance computing;~~

6 ~~(iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center~~
7 ~~operation and management; and~~

8 ~~(iv) One (1) member with expertise in at least one~~
9 ~~(1) of the following areas:~~

10 ~~(a) Large scale data storage;~~

11 ~~(b) Computer visualization;~~

12 ~~(c) Distributed authentication and~~
13 ~~authorization architectures;~~

14 ~~(d) Distributed collaboration environments; or~~

15 ~~(e) Other software architectures relevant to~~
16 ~~advanced cyberinfrastructure; and~~

17 ~~(7)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of~~
18 ~~Representatives from a list of ten (10) persons from higher education in the~~
19 ~~State of Arkansas submitted by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating~~
20 ~~Board.~~

21 ~~(B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(7)(A) of~~
22 ~~this section shall include:~~

23 ~~(i) One (1) member with expertise in optical~~
24 ~~networks;~~

25 ~~(ii) One (1) member with expertise in high-~~
26 ~~performance computing;~~

27 ~~(iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center~~
28 ~~operation and management; and~~

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30 ~~(1) of the following areas:~~

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34 ~~authorization architectures;~~

35 ~~(d) Distributed collaboration environments; or~~

36 ~~(e) Other software architectures relevant to~~

1 ~~advanced cyberinfrastructure.~~

2 ~~(b) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled~~
3 ~~in the same manner as the original appointment.~~

4 ~~(c) The cochairs of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and~~
5 ~~Information Technology or the designee of a cochair of the Joint Committee on~~
6 ~~Advanced Communications and Information Technology shall serve as cochairs of~~
7 ~~the task force and shall call meetings as appropriate.~~

8 ~~(d)(1)(A) The task force may create by written resolution technical~~
9 ~~work groups.~~

10 ~~(B) The written resolution for the creation of a technical~~
11 ~~work group shall specify the:~~

12 ~~(i) Duties and objectives of the technical work~~
13 ~~group; and~~

14 ~~(ii) Date the technical work group shall expire.~~

15 ~~(2) The membership of a technical work group may include:~~

16 ~~(A) Members and staff of the task force; and~~

17 ~~(B) Individuals not affiliated with the task force.~~

18 ~~(3) Members of the technical work groups shall serve at the~~
19 ~~pleasure of the task force without compensation.~~

20 ~~(4) Technical work groups may be created without limitation in~~
21 ~~areas such as research applications, technology transfer, emergency~~
22 ~~management, telemedicine, educational outreach, student technologists, and~~
23 ~~other technical work groups as appropriate.~~

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25 ~~10-3-2505. Purpose.~~

26 ~~The purpose of the General Assembly in establishing the Arkansas~~
27 ~~Cyberinfrastructure Task Force is to:~~

28 ~~(1) Create, implement, and sustain a globally competitive~~
29 ~~cyberinfrastructure strategy for the state; and~~

30 ~~(2) Propose and recommend legislation for the General Assembly~~
31 ~~each year.~~

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33 ~~10-3-2506. Report.~~

34 ~~The Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force shall submit a report and~~
35 ~~its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint Committee on~~
36 ~~Advanced Communications and Information Technology and the Legislative~~

1 ~~Council annually on or before August 1, beginning in 2010.~~

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3 ~~10-3-2507. Staff support.~~

4 ~~(a) Staff support for the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force~~
5 ~~shall be provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research.~~

6 ~~(b) Upon written request of the cochairs of the Arkansas~~
7 ~~Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, additional support shall be provided by~~
8 ~~agencies of state government.~~

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10 ~~10-3-2508. Per diem.~~

11 ~~(a) Legislative members of the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force~~
12 ~~shall be paid per diem and mileage in the manner authorized by law for~~
13 ~~attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.~~

14 ~~(b) Nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive per diem~~
15 ~~and mileage at the rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of~~
16 ~~interim committees of the General Assembly if funds are available and~~
17 ~~appropriated by the General Assembly to pay per diem and mileage to~~
18 ~~nonlegislative members of the task force.~~