

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.

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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Dobbins
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TECHNOLOGY
10 INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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12 **Subtitle**

13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TECHNOLOGY
14 INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 33 is amended to add an
20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 25-33-201. Findings and purpose.

22 (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that:

23 (1) In order for Arkansas to take full advantage of
24 technological applications in providing services and solving problems of its
25 citizens, there is a need to invest in technologies that will provide for
26 both greater efficiencies and better responsiveness;

27 (2) State government can save money by creating information
28 technology solutions that can be used by more than one (1) state agency or
29 institution of higher learning;

30 (3) Arkansas citizens desire state government services to be
31 more accessible and less expensive; and

32 (4) Through the careful selection of appropriate applications of
33 technology, identified through a collaborative process and justified using
34 strong business case analysis to include performance outcomes, these goals
35 can be achieved.



1 (b) It is further found and determined by the General Assembly that:

2 (1) The creation of an Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund
3 will make moneys available to state agencies and institutions of higher
4 education for enterprise-level information technology projects;

5 (2) The fund is created to be an incentive to accelerate the
6 implementation of electronic government and to encourage state agencies to
7 pursue innovative and creative approaches using technology to provide needed
8 citizens services in a more cost effective and efficient manner; and

9 (3) The fund allows agency technology innovators to compete for
10 dollars on a year-round, ongoing basis.

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12 25-33-202. Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund.

13 (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor
14 of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the
15 “Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund”.

16 (b) The following moneys shall be deposited or transferred into the
17 State Treasury to the credit of the fund:

18 (1)(A) Savings that accrue to state agencies from reductions in
19 the cost of providing services to citizens as a result of employing
20 technology.

21 (B)(i) If a state agency determines that there are
22 reductions in the cost of providing services to citizens as a result of
23 employing technology, then the savings which resulted may be transferred,
24 upon written approval of the amount by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,
25 from any appropriation and funds of the agency to the Arkansas Technology
26 Infrastructure Fund.

27 (ii) Before approving any transfers of moneys
28 appropriated for a state agency to the fund, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
29 State shall obtain the review of the Legislative Council with respect to the
30 transfer.

31 (iii) If approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the
32 State and reviewed by the Legislative Council, then the Chief Fiscal Officer
33 of the State shall cause transfers to be made upon his books and those of the
34 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State;

35 (2) Any funds approved by the General Assembly by law;

36 (3) Grants, gifts, and donations received by this state for the

1 purposes of this subchapter; and

2 (4) Agency investments toward enterprise projects.

3 (c) Any unused portion of the fund shall remain in the Fund and will
4 not be reverted to the General Revenue Fund Account of the State
5 Apportionment Fund.

6 (d)(1) The fund shall be managed by the Executive Chief Information
7 Officer.

8 (2) The Governor shall oversee the expenditures from the fund.

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10 25-33-203. Project standards and methodologies.

11 (a)(1) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO
12 Council, shall establish standards and methodologies for evaluating the
13 funding of enterprise-level projects.

14 (2) The evaluation method shall verify the link between the
15 agency's business objectives and the agency's information technology strategy
16 and shall identify the plan for interfacing with the state's core systems.

17 (b)(1) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO
18 Council, shall establish standards and methodologies to ensure that good
19 business case analysis is required from the agencies prior to allocation of
20 funds.

21 (2) The business case analysis shall identify total costs from
22 beginning to end of the project, to include, but not be limited to:

23 (A) Consultant needs;

24 (B) Required hardware or software support;

25 (C) Ongoing support and maintenance;

26 (D) Education and training; and

27 (E) Network bandwidth capacity.

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29 25-33-204. Project funding.

30 (a) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO
31 Council, shall evaluate, prioritize, and approve proposals for enterprise
32 projects.

33 (b) Before funds are approved from the Arkansas Technology
34 Infrastructure Fund, the Executive Chief Information Officer shall report to
35 the Legislative Council and the Governor the total business analysis prepared
36 for the project.

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