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Re: Act 528 of 2013-Section 5. Home Visiting Programs.

Act 528 will improve the health and stability of Arkansas families and strengthen voluntary home visitation programs. The act develops a comprehensive accountability system for these programs administered by three different state agencies, the Arkansas Department of Health, the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board, and the Department of Human Services.

In compliance with Section 5 of Act 528 of 2013, the Family Health Branch of the Arkansas Department of Health intends to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the AR Research Center where the state longitudinal data system for home visitation can be located. The DCCECE at the Department of Human Services already has this arrangement and our participation in this system will make the sharing of data much more practical.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Respectfully,

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