

Adopted January 17, 2020

Creation of ALC Special Subcommittee, pursuant to ALC Rule 5.(c):

ALC Special Subcommittee on Data Sharing. Effective January 17, 2020, there is created the ALC Special Subcommittee on Data Sharing.

(1) The purpose of the special subcommittee is to continue the work of the Data-Sharing and Data-Driven Decision-Making Task Force, created by Act 943 of 2019, by studying and examining the possibility of implementing a shared services model for statewide data sharing.

(2) To achieve this purpose, the subcommittee shall:

(A) Evaluate, study, and address the findings set forth in subsection (b) of Act 943 of 2019, as follows:

(i) State agencies contain great amounts of valuable information and reports regarding all aspects of life for the citizens of this state, including without limitation health, business, public safety, labor, and transportation data;

(ii) The tremendous amount of data maintained by state agencies can result in the duplication of efforts, data, records, and parts of data and records that may result in the maintenance of inconsistent data and records concerning the same citizen;

(iii) The lack of a quick and efficient data-driven delivery system that would enable up-to-the-moment responses to legislative branch and executive branch inquiries impedes the policy-making process and ultimately costs the taxpayers money;

(iv) Progressive states have evolved to become data-driven governments that use data as a strategic asset to improve the delivery of services to the state's citizens and to become more effective stewards of the citizens' data;

(v) The Open Data and Transparency Task Force, created by Acts 2015, No. 1282, began to address these problems in Acts 2017, No. 912, by creating the roles of Chief Data Officer of the Department of Information Systems and Chief Privacy Officer of the Department of Information Systems and by creating the Data and Transparency Panel; and

(vi) The state should continue those efforts by evaluating ways to implement a shared services model for statewide data sharing in order to drive innovation and facilitate efficiency across state agencies, improve the delivery of services, and to better serve the citizens of this state;

(B) Recommend specific solutions and legislation necessary to create a statewide data sharing system for maintaining and sharing public data that is owned, controlled, collected, or maintained by a state agency; and

(C) Recommend funding mechanisms to support the use of statewide data sharing, including without limitation data analytics, machine learning, and innovative technologies to link data between agencies, to support data driven decision-making for all state agencies.

(3) The subcommittee shall submit a final report of its recommendations, including any proposed legislation to the Legislative Council at its December 2020 meeting. The subcommittee expires on December 31, 2020.

(4) The Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council apply to the membership, conduct, and procedures of the subcommittee and shall control over any rules adopted by the Subcommittee that may conflict with the ALC Rules.