

1 **State of Arkansas**
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A Bill

Call Item 37

HOUSE BILL

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ENTER
9 INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
10 STATEWIDE COMPUTER NETWORK; TO ESTABLISH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
11 SYSTEM COMPUTER NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES."

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

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16 SECTION 1. Act 1034 of 1991 authorizes the Board of Trustees of the
17 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System to provide a loan to the Department of
18 Education for a state-wide computer system capable of linking all public
19 school systems and the State Department of Education. In order to provide
20 alternatives to accomplish the purposes of Act 1034 of 1991, the Department of
21 Education is hereby authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with
22 IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc. for the development of a state-wide computer
23 system capable of linking all public school systems and the Department of
24 Education, from funds provided by a loan from the Arkansas Teacher Retirement
25 System.

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27 SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall maintain oversight
28 authority over the approval of all standards, procedures and specifications
29 determined by the Department of Education regarding the purchase and or lease
30 of the state-wide computer network in addition to maintaining oversight
31 authority over the operational aspects of the system.

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33 SECTION 3. As a means of providing assistance to, and coordination of
34 efforts between the Department of Education, IMPAC Learning Systems, Inc. and
35 users of the state-wide computer network, there is hereby created the "Public

1 School System Computer Network Advisory Council".

2 The members of the Public School System Computer Network Advisory Council
3 shall serve without pay and represent citizens and users of the network and
4 data. The members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the
5 Director of the Department of Education. The Director of the Department of
6 Education shall be designated as chairman of the Public School System Computer
7 Network Advisory Council.

8 In addition to providing assistance and coordination, the Council may
9 also assist and offer advice regarding the purchase and or lease of equipment
10 utilized in the computer network system.

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12 SECTION 4. The Director of the Department of Education is hereby
13 authorized to request from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a transfer
14 of appropriation authorized for School District Management and Statewide Data
15 Collection by the General Assembly to any other line item appropriation
16 authorized for the Department of Education for the same purpose.

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18 SECTION 5. CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent
19 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
20 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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22 SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the
23 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such
24 invalidity shall not effect other provisions or applications of the Act which
25 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this
26 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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28 SECTION 7. GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict
29 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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31 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
32 Seventy-Eight General Assembly, meeting in 1st Extraordinary Session, that
33 there is an immediate need to implement the public school system state-wide
34 computer network which will link all the public schools and the Department of
35 Education, thereby enhancing the effective and efficient operations of the

1 public school system in Arkansas; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared
2 to exist, and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the
3 public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect upon its
4 passage and approval.

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