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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2152

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)
TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SERVICES TO CONDUCT
A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND COST OF ASSIGNMENT OF
COMMON IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TO CLIENTS FOR THE USE IN A
DEPARTMENT-WIDE DATABASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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SERVICES (DHS) TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT
OF COMPUTER SERVICES TO CONDUCT A STUDY
OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT OF
COMMON IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS TO
CLIENTS."

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

SECTION 1. As used in this act:

(1) "Child" means any person under the age of twenty-one;

(2) "Client" means any child or relative of a child who is receiving
or has received services or benefits from the Department of Human Services;
and

(3) "Department" means the Department of Human Services.

SECTION 2. (a) The department shall request the Department of
Computer Services to conduct a study as to the feasibility and cost of
assignment of identification numbers to each client and establishment of the
data base which will track clients by their identification number. This
study shall include a review of the feasibility and legality of providing

1 access to information from all divisions.

2 (b) The Department of Computer Services shall include all agencies in
3 their study which provide services to the same clients as the department to
4 include, but is not limited to, the Department of Health, the Department of
5 Education, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of
6 Community Punishment, and the Department of Correction.

7 (c) The Department of Computer Services shall provide monthly progress
8 reports of this study to the Arkansas Communications Study Committee and the
9 Joint Committee on Children and Youth.

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11 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
12 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
13 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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15 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
16 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
17 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
18 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
19 act are declared to be severable.

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21 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
22 hereby repealed.

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24 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the
25 General Assembly that it is imperative a study be conducted to assist in
26 determining the feasibility of development of a common identification
27 numbering system which would provide employees of the Department of Human
28 Services with information regarding services which have been provided or are
29 being provided to children; that this act so provides; and that this act
30 should go into effect immediately in order to establish the tracking system
31 as soon as possible. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and
32 this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace,
33 health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its
34 passage and approval.

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/s/Rep. Pollan

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