

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 81st General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1997

As Engrossed: S3/11/97

A Bill

SENATE BILL 258

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5 *By: Joint Budget Committee*
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR GRANTS FOR THE
10 DEVELOPMENT OF A STATEWIDE DISTANCE LEARNING OR
11 TELEMEDICINE NETWORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER
12 SERVICES OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD
13 ENDING JUNE 30, 1999; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT FOR DISTANCE LEARNING OR
16 TELEMEDICINE NETWORK GRANTS FOR THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SERVICES OR ITS
18 SUCCESSOR AGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 1997-99 BIENNIUM."
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the
25 Department of Computer Services or its successor agency, to be payable from
26 the Telecommunications and Information Technology Fund, for grants to public
27 and/or non-profit entities for the development of a statewide distance
28 learning or telemedicine network for the biennial period ending June 30, 1999,
29 the sum of\$ 506,392.
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31 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Before disbursing funds from the
32 appropriation provided in Section 1 herein, the Department of Computer
33 Services or its successor agency shall seek prior review from the Joint
34 Interim Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology of the
35 Arkansas General Assembly.
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2 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
3 authorized by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
4 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
5 the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
6 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
7 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control
8 laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the
9 Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
10 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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12 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
13 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
14 contained in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which
15 this Act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
16 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
17 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
18 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
19 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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

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

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34 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
35 Eighty-First General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas

1 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that
2 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1997 is essential to the operation of
3 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
4 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
5 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1997 could work irreparable harm upon the
6 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
7 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
8 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
9 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1997.

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