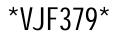
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 2	State of Arkansas 82nd General Assembly	As Engrossed: H3/1/99 H3/3/99 S3/18/99 A Bill		
2	Regular Session, 1999		HOUSE BILL 1620	
4	Regulai Session, 1999		HOUSE DILL 1020	
5	By: Representatives Ferrell,	Madison, C. Johnson		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	"AN ACT TO COORDINATE DISTANCE LEARNING IN THE STATE;			
10	AND FOR O	THER PURPOSES. "		
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12		Subtitle		
13	" <i>TO</i>	COORDINATE DISTANCE LEARNING IN THE	E	
14	STAT	Έ. "		
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:			
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19	SECTION 1. <u>(a)</u>	The Department of Education shall	oversee and	
20	coordinate the implementation of distance learning in elementary and secondary			
21	public schools in the state. Distance learning shall be available to one			
22	hundred (100) elementary and secondary public schools in the state by August			
23	<u>1, 2000. Distance learning shall be available to all school districts in the</u>			
24	<u>state by August 1, 20</u>	<u>04.</u>		
25	<u>(b) The Department</u>	ment of Education shall promulgate	rules and regulations	
26	<u>establishing appropria</u>	ate adult supervision.		
27	<u>(c) The elemen</u>	tary or secondary school may import	<u>courses from outside</u>	
28	<u>the state; however, t</u>	he course curriculum shall be appro	oved by the Department	
29	<u>of Education prior to</u>	offering the courses through dista	ince Tearning.	
30	(d) The courses offered through distance learning shall include but not			
31	be limited to:			
32	(1) College preparatory courses, including, but not limited to			
33	calculus, physics, Arkansas history, foreign Language courses, and computer			
34	science; and			
35	(2) Technological courses, including, but not limited to advanced			
36	math and science courses, advanced computer skills courses, and advanced			



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1	courses in the arts.		
2	(e) The Department of Education shall work with the Arkansas School for		
3	Mathematics and Sciences, the Arkansas Educational Television Commission, the		
4	Education Service Cooperatives, and other state agencies involved in distance		
5	learning in implementing distance learning.		
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7	SECTION 2. The Department of Higher Education shall oversee and		
8	coordinate the implementation of distance learning in two (2) year colleges,		
9	four (4) year institutions of higher learning and universities in the state.		
10	The Department of Workforce Education shall cooperate with the Department of		
11	<u>Higher Education in implementing the provisions of this section.</u>		
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13	SECTION 3. (a) The Department of Education and the Department of		
14	<u>Higher Education shall work together to implement distance learning throughout</u>		
15	<u>the state.</u>		
16	(b) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education		
17	shall present a report to the House Interim Committee on Education and the		
18	<u>Senate Interim Committee on Education by December 31, 1999 reporting the</u>		
19	<u>status and progress of distance learning in Arkansas.</u>		
20	(c) The Department of Education and the Department of Higher Education		
21	shall not be required to implement the provisions of this Act if funds are not		
22	<u>made available.</u>		
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24	SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature		
25	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code		
26	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.		
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28	SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to		
29	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect		
30	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without		
31	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this		
32	act are declared to be severable.		
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34	SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are		
35	hereby repealed.		
36	/s/ Ferrel I		

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