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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2133

By: Representatives Broadway, French

By: Senator Gordon

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENSURING QUALITY
UPGRADED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR YOUTH PROGRAM; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES. "

Subtitle

"TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ENSURING QUALITY
UPGRADED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR
YOUTH PROGRAM. "

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

SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby created the Arkansas Ensuring Quality
Upgraded Information Technology for Youth Program to acquire surplus computers
and computer equipment from state agencies and state universities and colleges
to donate to school districts.

(b) The program shall be administered by the Department of Workforce
Education and Career Opportunities.

(c)(1) State agencies shall provide the Department of Workforce
Education and Career Opportunities the first opportunity to acquire possession
of all their surplus computers and computer equipment.

(2) In the event the Department of Workforce Education and Career
Opportunities chooses not to accept the surplus computers and computer
equipment, the surplus computers and computer equipment shall go through the
Marketing and Redistribution Section of the Office of State Purchasing of the
Department of Finance and Administration.

(d)(1) State universities and colleges shall provide the Department of

Workforce Education and Career Opportunities the first opportunity to acquire possession of all their surplus computers and computer equipment.

(2) In the event the Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities chooses not to accept the surplus computers and computer equipment, the surplus computers and computer equipment shall go through the Marketing and Redistribution Section of the Office of State Purchasing of the Department of Finance and Administration.

SECTION 2. (a) The Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities shall promulgate rules and regulations to:

(1) Ensure the proper and legal transfer of surplus computers and computer equipment to the Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities;

(2) Establish guidelines for accepting the surplus computers and computer equipment;

(3) Establish guidelines for repairing or refurbishing the surplus computers and computer equipment;

(4) Establish the procedure for transferring title of the computers to public school districts for their use;

(5) Promote the use of students in workforce education programs to refurbish the surplus computers and computer equipment; and

(6) Ensure the proper administration of this program.

(b) The Department of Information Systems and the Office of State Purchasing of the Department of Finance and Administration shall cooperate with the Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities in promulgating rules and regulations pertaining to the repairing or refurbishing of surplus computers and computer equipment.

SECTION 3. The Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities shall annually, by July 15, present a report to the Advance Communications and Information Technology Committee. The report shall include:

(1) The number of surplus computers donated to school districts;

(2) The monies spent by the Department of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities in refurbishing the computers and computer equipment; and

(3) Any other information requested of it by the Committee.

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2 SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
3 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
4 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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6 SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
7 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
8 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
9 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
10 act are declared to be severable.

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12 SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
13 hereby repealed.