

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

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999

As Engrossed: S3/4/99
A Bill

SENATE BILL 379

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5 By: Senator Gordon
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
10 TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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12 **Subtitle**

13 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS
14 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Information Technology Task Force.

20 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the
21 "Arkansas Information Technology Task Force", to be composed of the following
22 members:

23 (1) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League;

24 (2) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Association of

25 Counties;

26 (3) The director of the Arkansas Department of Finance and

27 Administration;

28 (4) The director of the Arkansas Department of Information

29 Systems;

30 (5) The director of the Arkansas Science and Technology

31 Authority;

32 (6) Four (4) members representing the state's information
33 technology and telecommunications industry;

34 (7) Seven (7) members representing the following areas of
35 governmental operations:

36 (A) agriculture, environment and heritage;

(B) criminal justice and administration;

(C) economic development;

(D) elementary and secondary education;

(E) post secondary education;

(F) general government services;

(G) health and human services; and

(H) public safety.

(8) Two (2) members who are the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology;

(9) Two (2) members who are the Chairs of the House and Senate Interim Committees on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs;

(10) Two (2) members who are the Chairs of the Joint Budget Committee; and

(11) Two (2) members who are the Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

(b)(1) Acting in concert, the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House shall appoint the remaining members of the task force.

(2) In the event a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled by the same process as the original appointment.

(c) The Chairs of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology shall serve as chairs of the task force and shall call meetings as appropriate.

(d)(1) In carrying out its functions, the task force may create such advisory committees as it may deem necessary.

(2) The memberships of these advisory committees may include both members and staff of the task force, and other persons drawn from sources other than the task force, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the task force.

(3) Members of the advisory committees shall serve without compensation for their membership on the committees.

SECTION 2. Purpose.

The purpose of the General Assembly in establishing the Arkansas Information Technology Task Force is to:

(1) Explore strategies for improving the utilization of information technology by the state and its political subdivisions;

1 (2) Seek to actively involve the private sector as partners in
2 the process of enhancing the utilization of technology by the public sector
3 throughout the state;

4 (3) Propose and recommend legislation for the 2001 Regular
5 Session;

6 (4) Assess current efforts to improve the utilization of
7 technology by the public sector;

8 (5) Develop a coordinated plan of action to improve the
9 utilization of technology by the public sector.

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11 SECTION 3. Report.

12 The Arkansas Information Technology Task Force shall submit a report and
13 its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint Committee on
14 Advanced Communications and Information Technology and the Arkansas
15 Legislative Council on or before March 1, 2000.

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17 SECTION 4. Staff support.

18 Staff support for the Arkansas Information Technology Task Force shall
19 be provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research. Additional support shall
20 be provided by all the appropriate agencies of state government upon written
21 request of the co-chairmen.

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23 SECTION 5. Per diem.

24 (a) Legislative members of the Arkansas Information Technology Task
25 Force shall be entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate authorized by
26 law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly
27 and to be paid from the same source.

28 (b) Non-legislative members of the task force shall receive per diem
29 and mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of
30 interim committees of the General Assembly provided appropriated funds are
31 available.

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33 SECTION 6. Expiration.

34 This act shall expire on January 1, 2001.

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36 SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

1 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
2 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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10 SECTION 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
11 hereby repealed.

12 /s/ Gordon
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