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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 802

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5 By: Senator Gordon

## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE A COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR AN  
10 INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES. "

## Subtitle

14 "TO CREATE A COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR AN  
15 INTEGRATED JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM. "

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

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20 SECTION 1. (a) There is hereby established the Arkansas Integrated  
21 Justice Information Systems Coordinating Council for the 1999-2001 biennium.  
22 This council shall cease to exist June 30, 2001.

23 (b) The council shall consist of the directors of:

- 24 (1) The Administrative Office of the Courts;  
25 (2) The Department of Correction;  
26 (3) The Department of Community Punishment;  
27 (4) The Division of Youth Services;  
28 (5) The Arkansas Crime Information Center;  
29 (6) The Arkansas State Police;  
30 (7) The State Crime Laboratory; and  
31 (8) The Department of Information Systems.

32 (c) A director may designate a person in their agency to serve in their  
33 place who has the authority to make policy and fiscal decisions in the name of  
34 the director.

35 (d) The executive director and all existing employees of the Arkansas  
36 Sentencing Commission shall serve as staff to the Arkansas Integrated Justice

Information Systems Coordinating Council, while continuing to serve at the will of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission pursuant to A.C.A. 16-90-801 and amendments thereto in performance of its duties. The director shall attend all meetings of the council, be responsible for keeping a record of council meetings, prepare reports of the council and perform such other duties as directed by the council.

(e) The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the council.

(f) The council shall:

(1) Define and analyze issues and processes in the existing justice information systems, identify alternative solutions and make recommendations for improvements;

(2) Perform such justice information studies or tasks as requested by the legislature or the Governor, or the Chief Justice, as deemed appropriate or feasible by the council;

(3) Oversee planning and development of specific goals and timetables for a complete integrated justice information system;

(4) Address standards relating to, but not limited to, technology, management, privacy, confidentiality, public access and security;

(5) Accept any and all donations, grants, bequests, and devises, conditional or otherwise, of money, property, services, or other things of value which may be received from the federal government or any agency thereof, any governmental agency, or any institution, person, firm, or corporation, public or private, to be held, used, or applied for any or all of the purposes specified in this chapter, in accordance with the terms and conditions of any such grant. Receipt of each donation or grant shall be detailed in the report made by September 30, 2000 and shall include the identity of the source of any monies, the nature of its receipt, and any conditions attaching thereto. The Council shall also determine and report any potential additional sources of funding for any segment of an integrated justice information system available to the state or local units of government from state, federal, or private sources.

(g) The council shall appoint a standing local government advisory group to consult and advise the council concerning local government integrated justice information system issues and the impact of state integrated justice information system policies and decisions on local units of government. The

1 advisory group shall consist of a sheriff, chief of police, prosecuting  
2 attorney, a public defender, a circuit clerk, a member of a city governing  
3 body, a county judge and such other local government representatives as  
4 determined by the council to be necessary to fully represent local government  
5 interests. Appointees to such advisory group shall serve without compensation.  
6 Reimbursement for travel and approved expenses shall be made by the council if  
7 finds are available.

8 h) In the performance of its duties, the council shall form such task  
9 groups as necessary to analyze relevant issues and perform necessary studies.  
10 The council shall appoint individuals who appropriately represent law  
11 enforcement, the judiciary, the legal profession, state, local, or federal  
12 government agencies, the public, or individuals who represent other  
13 professions, groups or interests as determined by the council to be necessary  
14 to fully develop the various aspects of the issue being analyzed or studied. A  
15 member of the council shall serve as the chairperson of each task group  
16 appointed by the council. The council may appoint other members of the council  
17 to any task group formed by the council. Appointees to such task groups shall  
18 serve without compensation.

19 i) The council shall review reports submitted by each task group named  
20 by the council and shall submit a preliminary report with the council's  
21 recommendations to the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the  
22 Joint Committee on Advanced Communication and Information Technology of the  
23 General Assembly no later than March 31, 2000. A final report with the  
24 council's findings and recommendations shall be delivered to the Governor,  
25 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Joint Committee on Advanced  
26 Communication and Information Technology of the General Assembly no later than  
27 September 30, 2000. The final report shall include a recommendation as to  
28 whether a coordinating council should continue to exist.

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30 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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34 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.