

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

A Bill

SENATE BILL 823

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5 By: Senators Gordon, Kennedy
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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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

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

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

9 (f) The council shall:

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

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

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

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

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

33 (g) The council shall appoint a standing local government advisory
34 group to consult and advise the council concerning local government integrated
35 justice information system issues and the impact of state integrated justice
36 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 (h) In the performance of its duties, the council shall form such task
7 groups as necessary to analyze relevant issues and perform necessary studies.

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

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

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

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32 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
33 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
34 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
35 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
36 act are declared to be severable.

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