

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 832

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO EXEMPT INHERENTLY VISUAL TECHNOLOGIES
10 FROM THE NONVISUAL ACCESS STANDARDS UNDER
11 ARKANSAS CODE § 25-26-204; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TECHNOLOGIES FROM THE NONVISUAL ACCESS
17 STANDARDS UNDER ARKANSAS CODE § 25-26-
18 204.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-26-204 is amended to read as follows:
24 25-26-204. Procurement requirements.

25 (a) The technology access clause specified in § 25-26-203 shall be
26 developed by the Department of Information Systems and shall require
27 compliance with nonvisual access standards established by the state. The
28 clause shall be included in all contracts for the procurement of information
29 technology by, or for the use of, entities covered by this subchapter on or
30 after July 30, 1999.

31 (b) The nonvisual access standards established by the state pursuant
32 to subsection (a) of this section shall include such specifications as are
33 necessary to fulfill the assurances in § 25-26-203 and shall include the
34 following minimum specifications:

35 (1) That effective, interactive control and use of the
36 technology, including, but not limited to, the operating system, applications



1 programs, and format of the data presented, is readily achievable by
2 nonvisual means;

3 (2) That the technology equipped for nonvisual access must be
4 compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom
5 the blind or visually impaired individual must interact;

6 (3) That nonvisual access technology must be integrated into
7 networks used to share communications among employees, program participants,
8 and the public; and

9 (4) That the technology for nonvisual access must have the
10 capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to
11 telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons
12 who are not blind or visually impaired.

13 (c) The minimum specifications under subsection (b) of this section do
14 not prohibit the purchase or use of an information technology product that
15 does not meet these standards if:

16 (1) There is no available means by which the product can be made
17 nonvisually accessible; or

18 (2) The information manipulated or presented by the product is
19 inherently visual in nature, so that its meaning cannot be conveyed
20 nonvisually.

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