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8 ## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TECHNOLOGY

10 INFRASTRUCTURE FUND; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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12 ## Subtitle

13 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TECHNOLOGY

14 INFRASTRUCTURE FUND.

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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 Code Title 25, Chapter 33 is amended to add an

20 additional subchapter to read as follows:

21 25-33-201. Findings and purpose.

22 (a) It is found and determined by the General Assembly that:

23 (1) In order for Arkansas to take full advantage of

24 technological applications in providing services and solving problems of its

25 citizens, there is a need to invest in technologies that will provide for

26 both greater efficiencies and better responsiveness;

27 (2) State government can save money by creating information

28 technology solutions that can be used by more than one (1) state agency or

29 institution of higher learning;

30 (3) Arkansas citizens desire state government services to be

31 more accessible and less expensive; and

32 (4) Through the careful selection of appropriate applications of

33 technology, identified through a collaborative process and justified using

34 strong business case analysis to include performance outcomes, these goals

35 can be achieved.

36 (b) It is further found and determined by the General Assembly that:

1   (1) The creation of an Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund

2 will make moneys available to state agencies and institutions of higher

3 education for enterprise-level information technology projects;

4   (2) The fund is created to be an incentive to accelerate the

5 implementation of electronic government and to encourage state agencies to

6 pursue innovative and creative approaches using technology to provide needed

7 citizens services in a more cost effective and efficient manner; and

8   (3) The fund allows agency technology innovators to compete for

9 dollars on a year-round, ongoing basis.

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11   25-33-202. Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund.

12   (a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor

13 of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the

14 "Arkansas Technology Infrastructure Fund".

15   (b) The following moneys shall be deposited or transferred into the

16 State Treasury to the credit of the fund:

17   (1)(A) Savings that accrue to state agencies from reductions in

18 the cost of providing services to citizens as a result of employing

19 technology.

20   (B)(i) If a state agency determines that there are

21 reductions in the cost of providing services to citizens as a result of

22 employing technology, then the savings which resulted may be transferred,

23 upon written approval of the amount by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State,

24 from any appropriation and funds of the agency to the Arkansas Technology

25 Infrastructure Fund.

26   (ii) Before approving any transfers of moneys

27 appropriated for a state agency to the fund, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

28 State shall obtain the review of the Legislative Council with respect to the

29 transfer.

30   (iii) If approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the

31 State and reviewed by the Legislative Council, then the Chief Fiscal Officer

32 of the State shall cause transfers to be made upon his books and those of the

33 Treasurer of State and the Auditor of State;

34   (2) Any funds approved by the General Assembly by law;

35   (3) Grants, gifts, and donations received by this state for the

36 purposes of this subchapter; and

1   (4) Agency investments toward enterprise projects.

2   (c) Any unused portion of the fund shall remain in the Fund and will

3   not be reverted to the General Revenue Fund Account of the State

4   Apportionment Fund.

5   (d)(1) The fund shall be managed by the Executive Chief Information

6   Officer.

7   (2) The Governor shall oversee the expenditures from the fund.

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9   25-33-203. Project standards and methodologies.

10   (a)(1) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO

11 Council, shall establish standards and methodologies for evaluating the

12 funding of enterprise-level projects.

13   (2) The evaluation method shall verify the link between the

14 agency's business objectives and the agency's information technology strategy

15 and shall identify the plan for interfacing with the state's core systems.

16   (b)(1) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO

17 Council, shall establish standards and methodologies to ensure that good

18 business case analysis is required from the agencies prior to allocation of

19 funds.

20   (2) The business case analysis shall identify total costs from

21 beginning to end of the project, to include, but not be limited to:

22   (A) Consultant needs;

23   (B) Required hardware or software support;

24   (C) Ongoing support and maintenance;

25   (D) Education and training; and

26   (E) Network bandwidth capacity.

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28 25-33-204. Project funding.

29   (a) The Executive Chief Information Officer, upon review by the CIO

30 Council, shall evaluate, prioritize, and approve proposals for enterprise

31 projects.

32   (b) Before funds are approved from the Arkansas Technology

33 Infrastructure Fund, the Executive Chief Information Officer shall report to

34 the Legislative Council and the Governor the total business analysis prepared

35 for the project.

36   (c) Requests for funding from the Arkansas Technology Infrastructure

1 Fund shall demonstrate any of the following:

2   (1) Improvement in the quality of life for Arkansans;

3   (2) Elimination of redundant systems;

4   (3) Improved service for Arkansas citizens;

5   (4) Enhanced economic development opportunities in Arkansas;

6   (5) Implementation of electronic government twenty-four (24)

7 hours a day, seven (7) days a week; or

8   (6) Substantial benefit to more than one (1) agency through

9 lower operating costs.

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