

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 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 450

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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 ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED JUSTICE  
10 INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THE  
11 OFFICE OF INTEGRATED JUSTICE; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN INTEGRATED  
16 JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATING  
17 COUNCIL AND THE OFFICE OF INTEGRATED  
18 JUSTICE.  
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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 Title 25, Chapter 26, is amended to add an  
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 25-26-301. Findings.

26 The General Assembly finds that:

27 (1) An integrated justice information system is information  
28 technology-related governance structures, policies, architectures, programs,  
29 applications, systems, and other resources utilized throughout the Arkansas  
30 justice community as well as the relationship these components have to one  
31 another, the methodology by which information will be shared, and the  
32 principles that govern design, development, and evolution over time;

33 (2) The sharing of, integration of, and immediate access to justice  
34 information throughout the criminal justice community would serve to improve  
35 public safety and quality of life;

36 (3) Because critical justice information is developed, maintained, and



1 stored throughout many levels of government and among many state agencies, a  
2 process is required to ensure that the justice community works together for  
3 the sake of integrating justice information; and

4 (4) Providing adequate resources to facilitate the process and  
5 establishing authority and responsibilities to achieve an integrated justice  
6 information system is critical to the success of the system.

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8 25-26-302. Integrated Justice Information Systems Coordinating  
9 Council.

10 (a) There is established the Integrated Justice Information Systems  
11 Coordinating Council.

12 (b) The council shall consist of the:

13 (1) Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts;

14 (2) Director of the Department of Correction;

15 (3) Director of the Department of Community Correction;

16 (4) Director of the Division of Youth Services of the Department  
17 of Human Services;

18 (5) Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center;

19 (6) Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police;

20 (7) Director of the State Crime Laboratory;

21 (8) Director of the Department of Information Systems;

22 (9) Prosecutor Coordinator;

23 (10) Director of the Arkansas Sentencing Commission;

24 (11) Director of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission;

25 (12) Executive Chief Information Officer;

26 (13) Director of the Criminal Justice Institute of the  
27 University of Arkansas at Little Rock;

28 (14) Director of the Arkansas Highway Police Division of the  
29 Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department;

30 (15) Director of the Office of Child Support Enforcement of the  
31 Revenue Division of the Department of Finance and Administration;

32 (16) Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency  
33 Management;

34 (17) Director of the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission;

35 (18) A county sheriff designated by the Arkansas Sheriff's  
36 Association;

1           (19) A municipal chief of police designated by the Arkansas  
 2 Association of Chiefs of Police;

3           (20) A circuit clerk designated by the Arkansas Circuit Clerk's  
 4 Association; and

5           (21) A county judge designated by the County Judges' Association  
 6 of Arkansas.

7           (c)(1) A member of the council may designate a person in his or her  
 8 agency to serve in the member's place on the council.

9           (2) The designated person shall have the same rights and powers  
 10 as the member.

11           (d)(1) The Executive Chief Information Officer shall call and preside  
 12 over the first meeting of the council at which the council shall organize by  
 13 electing one (1) of its members to serve as chair and one (1) of its members  
 14 to serve as vice chair.

15           (2) The council shall meet as needed upon call of the chair or  
 16 upon written request of any four (4) members.

17           (3) A majority of the membership of the council shall constitute  
 18 a quorum for conducting business.

19           (e) The council shall have the authority to:

20           (1) Examine and evaluate the existing justice information  
 21 systems in the state, to identify alternative solutions, and to make  
 22 recommendations for improvements;

23           (2) Establish standards relating to technology, management,  
 24 privacy, security, and public access of justice information systems;

25           (3) Plan and develop specific goals and timetables for a  
 26 complete integrated justice information system; and

27           (4) Perform related studies or tasks as requested by the  
 28 Governor, the Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, the General  
 29 Assembly, or other entities with similar interest and authority.

30           (f)(1) The council shall submit an annual report to include, but not  
 31 be limited to, status of projects and recommendations to the Governor, the  
 32 Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, and the Joint Committee on  
 33 Advanced Communications and Information Technology.

34           (2) The report shall be filed no later than September 30 of each  
 35 year.

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1           (g)(1) The council may appoint advisory work groups to collaborate  
 2 with and advise the council on integrated justice information system issues.

3           (2) The advisory work groups shall be chosen by the membership  
 4 of the council.

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 6           25-26-303. Office of Integrated Justice.

7           (a)(1) The Office of Integrated Justice is established and shall serve  
 8 as the agency that provides administrative and technical support to the  
 9 Integrated Justice Information Systems Coordinating Council, including, but  
 10 not limited to, staff, hardware, software, and representation.

11           (2) The council shall employ an administrator of the office to  
 12 be chosen by the Executive Chief Information Officer with approval by the  
 13 council, and the administrator may hire other staff persons as designated by  
 14 the council and as may be authorized by the General Assembly.

15           (b) The administrator shall:

16           (1) Lead the statewide effort to build an integrated justice  
 17 information system;

18           (2) Administer the daily operations of the office with direction  
 19 from the council;

20           (3) Act as the primary liaison between the council, the  
 21 Governor, the Executive Chief Information Officer, and any other public or  
 22 private entities on issues concerning the integrated justice information  
 23 system; and

24           (4) Accept on behalf of the council all grants, donations,  
 25 bequests, and devises, conditional or otherwise, of money, property,  
 26 services, or other items of value that may be received from any government  
 27 agency, any institution, person, firm, or public or private corporation to be  
 28 held, used, or applied to any of the purposes included in this subchapter, in  
 29 accordance with state budgeting, purchasing, and accounting procedures.

30           (c) The administrator shall report directly to the Executive Chief  
 31 Information Officer.

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 33           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
 34 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the establishment of an  
 35 Integrated Justice Information Systems Coordinating Council is a compelling  
 36 interest of the State of Arkansas; that the establishment of the council will

1 allow for the development of an integrated information system for the State  
2 of Arkansas; and that this act is immediately necessary so the council can  
3 begin the development of an integrated information system. Therefore, an  
4 emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for  
5 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
6 effective on:

7 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

8 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
9 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
10 bill; or

11 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
12 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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