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# A Bill

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7 By: *Senator Capps*

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE  
12 TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS

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CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE.

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

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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3 is amended to add an*  
22 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

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10-3-2501. Title.

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This act shall be known as the "Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force

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Act".

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10-3-2502. Findings.

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In establishing the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, the

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General Assembly finds that:

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(1) Implementation and sustainment of the 2008

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Cyberinfrastructure Strategic Plan and associated policy development for

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cyberinfrastructure is crucial to the future of the state and its citizens

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and that the General Assembly must approach cyberinfrastructure policy

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development thoughtfully and consider both near term and strategic goals in

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its deliberations; and

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(2) The state will benefit from an improved understanding of



1 cyberinfrastructure and the recommendation of cyberinfrastructure policies to  
2 leverage technology investments in order to:

3 (A) Energize the economic development system of the state;  
4 and

5 (B) Evolve cyberinfrastructure for the benefit of  
6 education, research, and business creation, including specifically  
7 commercialization of value-added products and services that increase gross  
8 state product, per capita income, and job and wealth creation into the  
9 state's economic development strategies.

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11 10-3-2503. Definition.

12 As used in this subchapter, "cyberinfrastructure" means shared high-  
13 performance computing, data storage systems, data repositories, advanced  
14 instruments, data center facilities, visualization environments, and people,  
15 all linked together by software and an advanced statewide optical network to  
16 improve and enable breakthroughs not otherwise possible.

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18 10-3-2504. Cyberinfrastructure Task Force.

19 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the  
20 "Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force", to be composed of:

21 (1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration  
22 or his or her designee;

23 (2) The Director of the Department of Information Systems or his  
24 or her designee;

25 (3) The President of Arkansas Science and Technology Authority  
26 or his or her designee;

27 (4) The Chair or his or her designee and the Vice-Chair or his  
28 or her designee of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology, and  
29 Legislative Affairs;

30 (5) The Chair or his or her designee and the Vice-Chair or his  
31 or her designee of the House Committee on Advanced Communications and  
32 Information Technology;

33 (6)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
34 of the Senate from a list of ten (10) persons submitted by the Arkansas  
35 Broadband Advisory Council.

36 (B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of

1 this section shall include:

2 (i) One (1) member with expertise in optical  
3 networks;

4 (ii) One (1) member with expertise in high  
5 performance computing;

6 (iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center  
7 operation and management; and

8 (iv) One (1) member with expertise in at least one  
9 (1) of the following areas:

10 (a) Large-scale data storage;

11 (b) Computer visualization;

12 (c) Distributed authentication and  
13 authorization architectures;

14 (d) Distributed collaboration environments; or

15 (e) Other software architectures relevant to  
16 advanced cyberinfrastructure; and

17 (7)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
18 Representatives from a list of ten (10) persons from higher education in the  
19 State of Arkansas submitted by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

20 (B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(7)(A) of  
21 this section shall include:

22 (i) One (1) member with expertise in optical  
23 networks;

24 (ii) One (1) member with expertise in high  
25 performance computing;

26 (iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center  
27 operation and management; and

28 (iv) One (1) member with expertise in at least one  
29 (1) of the following areas:

30 (a) Large-scale data storage;

31 (b) Computer visualization;

32 (c) Distributed authentication and  
33 authorization architectures;

34 (d) Distributed collaboration environments; or

35 (e) Other software architectures relevant to  
36 advanced cyberinfrastructure.

1 (b) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled  
2 in the same manner as the original appointment.

3 (c) The Cochairs of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and  
4 Information Technology or the designee of a Cochair of the Joint Committee on  
5 Advanced Communications and Information Technology shall serve as cochairs of  
6 the task force and shall call meetings as appropriate.

7 (d)(1)(A) The task force may create by written resolution technical  
8 work groups.

9 (B) The written resolution for the creation of a technical  
10 work group shall specify the:

11 (i) Duties and objectives of the technical work  
12 group; and

13 (ii) Date the technical work group shall expire.

14 (2) The membership of a technical work group may include:

15 (A) Members and staff of the task force; and

16 (B) Individuals not affiliated with the task force.

17 (3) Members of the technical work groups shall serve at the  
18 pleasure of the task force without compensation.

19 (4) Technical work groups may be created without limitation in  
20 areas such as research applications, technology transfer, emergency  
21 management, telemedicine, educational outreach, student technologists, and  
22 other technical work groups as appropriate.

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24 10-3-2505. Purpose.

25 The purpose of the General Assembly in establishing the Arkansas  
26 Cyberinfrastructure Task Force is to:

27 (1) Create, implement, and sustain a globally competitive  
28 cyberinfrastructure strategy for the state; and

29 (2) Propose and recommend legislation for the General Assembly  
30 each year.

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32 10-3-2506. Report.

33 The Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force shall submit a report and  
34 its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint Committee on  
35 Advanced Communications and Information Technology and the Legislative  
36 Council annually on or before August 1 beginning in 2010.

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10-3-2507. Staff support.

(a) Staff support for the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force shall be provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research.

(b) Upon written request of the Cochairs of the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, additional support shall be provided by agencies of state government.

10-3-2508. Per diem.

(a) Legislative members of the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force shall be paid per diem and mileage in the manner authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.

(b) Nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive per diem and mileage at the rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly if funds are available and appropriated by the General Assembly to the pay per diem and mileage to nonlegislative members of the task force.

/s/ Woods