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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
9 SYSTEMS TO DEVELOP AND CLARIFY ACCESSIBILITY
10 STANDARDS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION
16 SYSTEMS TO DEVELOP AND CLARIFY
17 ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR THE VISUALLY
18 IMPAIRED.

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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) (1) 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~~
28 department.

29 (2) The technology access clause shall be included in all
30 contracts for the procurement of information technology by or for the use of
31 entities covered by this subchapter on or after July 30, 1999.

32 (b) The nonvisual access standards established by the ~~state pursuant~~
33 to department under subsection (a) of this section shall:

34 (1) include such Include the specifications ~~as are~~ necessary to
35 fulfill the assurances in § 25-26-203;

36 (2) Follow the standards for software applications and operating



1 systems provided by 36 C.F.R § 1194.21 as it existed on January 1, 2011;

2 (3) Follow the standards for web-based intranet and Internet
 3 information and applications provided by 36 C.F.R § 1194.22 as it existed on
 4 January 1, 2011; and

5 (4) shall include Include the following minimum specifications:

6 ~~(1)(A)~~ (A) That effective, interactive control and use of the
 7 technology, including, ~~but not limited to,~~ without limitation the operating
 8 system, applications programs, and format of the data presented, is readily
 9 achievable by nonvisual means;

10 ~~(2)(B)~~ (B) That the technology equipped for nonvisual access
 11 ~~must be~~ is compatible with information technology used by other individuals
 12 with whom the blind or visually impaired individual must interact;

13 ~~(3)(C)~~ (C) That nonvisual access technology ~~must be~~ is
 14 integrated into networks used to share communications among employees,
 15 program participants, and the public; and

16 ~~(4)(D)~~ (D) That the technology for nonvisual access ~~must have~~
 17 has the capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to
 18 telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons
 19 who are not blind or visually impaired.

20 (c) The minimum specifications under subsection (b) of this section do
 21 not prohibit the purchase or use of an information technology product that
 22 does not meet these standards if the information manipulated or presented by
 23 the product is inherently visual in nature, so that its meaning cannot be
 24 conveyed nonvisually.

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