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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 376

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE  
10 DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; TO DEVELOP A SHARED  
11 SERVICES DATA HUB FOR STATEWIDE DATA SHARING; AND FOR  
12 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(c), concerning the creation and  
25 duties of the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to add an additional  
26 subdivision to read as follows:

27 (8)(A) Develop a shared services data hub for statewide data  
28 sharing in order to:

29 (i) Drive innovation and facilitate efficiency  
30 across state agencies;

31 (ii) Improve the delivery of services; and

32 (iii) Better serve the residents of this state.

33 (B) In implementation of the shared services data hub  
34 under subdivision (8)(A) of this section, the Division of Information Systems  
35 shall:

36 (i)(a) Establish and maintain a program to collect,



1 analyze, and exchange government information in carrying out the powers and  
2 duties of the executive state agency sharing the data.

3 (b) In carrying out the program under  
4 subdivision (8)(B)(i)(a) of this section, the Division of Information Systems  
5 may obtain government information from each executive state agency;

6 (ii) Establish and maintain a program to make  
7 government information available to executive state agencies, political  
8 subdivisions, educational institutions, researchers, nongovernmental  
9 organizations, and the general public, subject to the following:

10 (a)(1) A program established and maintained  
11 under this section shall include a policy governing access to government  
12 information held by the Division of Information Systems under this chapter.

13 (2) Government information may be made  
14 available only according to applicable confidentiality and disclosure laws;

15 (b)(1) The Division of Information Systems is  
16 considered to be an agent of the executive state agency sharing government  
17 information and is an authorized receiver of government information under the  
18 statutory or administrative law that governs the government information.

19 (2) Interagency data sharing under this  
20 section does not constitute a disclosure or release under any statutory or  
21 administrative law that governs the government information;

22 (c)(1) A program established and maintained  
23 under this section shall prescribe a form to be used to memorialize the  
24 sharing of data under this section.

25 (2) The form required under subdivision  
26 (8)(B)(ii)(c)(1) of this section shall be signed by the administrative head  
27 of the executive state agency; and

28 (d)(1) A data sharing form completed and  
29 signed under subdivision (8)(B)(ii)(c)(1) of this section constitutes the  
30 agreement required by any statutory or administrative law that governs the  
31 data.

32 (2) Additional documentation is not  
33 required to share data under this section;

34 (iii) Establish privacy and quality policy for  
35 government information that complies with all applicable Arkansas and federal  
36 laws, rules, and policies;

1                   (iv) According to standards developed by the state  
2 security office, establish and maintain a program to ensure the security of  
3 government information under this section; and

4                   (v) Establish a public portal that will provide  
5 Arkansans with easy access to data.

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