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A Bill

SENATE BILL 369

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT RECYCLING GRANTS; TO REPEAL THE COMPUTER
AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING FUND; TO MODIFY THE
DISBURSEMENT OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM THE SALE OF
AGENCY SURPLUS COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT; TO
DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REPEAL THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT RECYCLING GRANTS; TO REPEAL
THE COMPUTER AND ELECTRONIC RECYCLING
FUND; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-5-1217 is repealed.

~~19-5-1217. Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund.~~

~~(a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the
Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be
known as the "Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund".~~

~~(b) The fund shall be administered by the Division of Environmental
Quality and may be used to:~~

~~(1) Promote market research and development grants to determine
the most efficient means of collecting, transporting, and processing scrap
electronic equipment;~~

~~(2) Work with the Department of Finance and Administration and
the Marketing and Redistribution Section to establish statewide contracts for~~



~~computer and electronics recycling and demanufacturing businesses; and~~
~~(3) Support and fund other measures necessary to implement and~~
~~promote the recycling, donation, demanufacturing, or disposal options for~~
~~computers and electronic equipment.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-34-108 is amended to read as follows:
 25-34-108. Disbursement of revenues.

Funds generated from the sale of agency surplus computer and electronic equipment to state employees, public schools, or by other sale shall be allocated as follows:

(1) If the sale of surplus computer or electronic equipment is made within the agency:

(A) Sixty percent (60%) of the proceeds shall be returned to the owning agency; and

(B) ~~Fifteen percent (15%)~~ Forty percent (40%) of the proceeds shall be deposited with the Marketing and Redistribution Section; and

~~(C) Twenty five percent (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited into the Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund established by this chapter; and~~

(2) If the sale of surplus computer or electronic equipment is outside the agency and conducted by the Marketing and Redistribution Section:

(A) Fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be returned to the owning agency; and

(B) ~~Twenty five percent (25%)~~ Fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds shall be deposited with the Marketing and Redistribution Section; and

~~(C) Twenty five percent (25%) of the proceeds shall be deposited into the fund established by this chapter and § 19-5-1217.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code §§ 25-34-109 and 25-34-110 are repealed.
~~25-34-109. Computer and Electronic Recycling Fund.~~

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~~(b) The fund shall be administered by the Division of Environmental~~

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9 ~~promote the recycling, donation, demanufacturing, or disposal options for~~
10 ~~computers and electronic equipment.~~

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12 ~~25-34-110. Computer and electronic equipment recycling grants.~~

13 ~~(a) Electronic equipment recycling grants must be awarded on the basis~~
14 ~~of written grant request proposals submitted to and approved by the Division~~
15 ~~of Environmental Quality.~~

16 ~~(b) Grant requests shall be considered based upon the following~~
17 ~~criteria:~~

18 ~~(1) The development of sustained processes for recovery,~~
19 ~~recycling, and demanufacturing of scrap computers and electronics;~~

20 ~~(2) Minimization and elimination of substantial volumes of this~~
21 ~~material as waste;~~

22 ~~(3) Creation of Arkansas jobs;~~

23 ~~(4) Return of investment analysis; and~~

24 ~~(5) Available funds.~~

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26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
27 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the this act is essential to
28 prudent operation of the Division of Environmental Quality; that delay in the
29 effective date could do irreparable harm to the proper administration of
30 government programs of the division; and that this act is immediately
31 necessary as it is essential to the prudent operation of the Division of
32 Environmental Quality and delay in the effective date could work irreparable
33 harm on the proper administration of government programs of the division.
34 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately
35 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall
36 become effective on:

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

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

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