

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 60

5 By: Senator Hill  
6 By: Representative Evans  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DATA CENTERS ACT OF  
10 2023; TO PROHIBIT A DIGITAL ASSET MINING BUSINESS  
11 FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A  
12 MILITARY FACILITY; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO PROHIBIT A DIGITAL ASSET MINING  
17 BUSINESS FROM BEING LOCATED WITHIN A  
18 THIRTY-MILE RADIUS OF A MILITARY  
19 FACILITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.  
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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 Title 14, Chapter 1, Subchapter 6, is amended  
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 14-1-607. Operation of digital asset mining business within thirty-  
27 mile radius of military facility prohibited – Definition.

28 (a) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Military facility":

30 (A) Means a physical location in the state that is  
31 operated by one (1) or more branches of the United States Armed Forces or the  
32 National Guard to:

33 (i) House military personnel and equipment;

34 (ii) Support training and operations; or

35 (iii) Serve as a command center or training grounds;

36 and



1 (B) Includes without limitation a military:

2 (i) Base or camp;

3 (ii) Hospital or clinic; and

4 (iii) Arsenal; and

5 (2) "Operation" means generating income as a result of  
6 generating digital assets by securing a blockchain network.

7 (b)(1) A digital asset mining business shall:

8 (A) Not operate within a thirty-mile radius of a military  
9 facility;

10 (B) Shut down operations at each location that is within a  
11 thirty-mile radius of a military facility unless the digital asset mining  
12 business was fully constructed and in operation at that site before December  
13 31, 2024; and

14 (C) Cease construction of a location that is within a  
15 thirty-mile radius of a military facility.

16 (2) A digital asset mining business that was in operation at a  
17 location within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility before December  
18 31, 2024, and subsequently changes ownership shall shut down operations at  
19 each location that is within thirty-mile radius of a military facility before  
20 the change in ownership becomes effective.

21 (c) Upon request of a person or upon receipt of information that leads  
22 the Attorney General to believe that a violation of this section may exist,  
23 the Attorney General may conduct an investigation that includes without  
24 limitation:

25 (1) Receiving sworn statements; and

26 (2) Issuing subpoenas to compel the:

27 (A) Testimony of witnesses subpoenaed before him or her;  
28 and

29 (B) Production of records and other documents under § 25-  
30 16-705.

31 (d) If as a result of an investigation under subsection (c) of this  
32 section the Attorney General concludes that a violation of this section has  
33 occurred, the Attorney General shall order the digital asset mining business  
34 to shut down operations at each location that is within a thirty-mile radius  
35 of a military facility.

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1           SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
2 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that digital asset mining, also  
3 known as "cryptomining", is a rising industry in the state that poses unique  
4 opportunities as well as risks; that risks posed by digital asset mining  
5 include without limitation threats to national security and the security of  
6 the State of Arkansas, which is amplified by a digital asset mining  
7 facility's being located within a thirty-mile radius of a military facility;  
8 and that this act is immediately necessary in order to ensure the health and  
9 safety of the State of Arkansas and its citizens. Therefore, an emergency is  
10 declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the  
11 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective  
12 on:

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

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

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

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