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A Bill

SENATE BILL 526

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND
TRANSPARENCY PANEL; TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT
PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE DATA AND
TRANSPARENCY PANEL; AND TO INCREASE
DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION ON THE DATA AND
TRANSPARENCY PANEL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(a), concerning the creation of the
Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Data and Transparency Panel is created within the ~~Division of
Information Systems~~ Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(b)(3), concerning the creation of
the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

(3) The secretaries, directors, or their designees, of the
following entities:

(A) The ~~Arkansas Crime Information Center~~ Department of
Public Safety;

(B) The ~~Division of Arkansas State Police~~ Department of
Inspector General;

(C) The ~~Division of Career and Technical Education~~



Department of Education;

~~(D) The Division of Community Correction~~ Department of Energy and Environment;

~~(E) The Division of Correction~~ Department of Corrections;

~~(F) The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education~~ Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism;

(G) The Department of Finance and Administration;

(H) The Department of Health;

~~(I) The Division of Higher Education~~ Department of Agriculture;

(J) The Department of Human Services;

~~(K) The Division of Information Systems~~ Department of Transformation and Shared Services;

(L) The Department of Labor and Licensing;

~~(M) The Division of Workforce Services~~ Department of Veteran Affairs; and

~~(N) The Office of Skills Development~~ Department of the Military; and

(O) The Department of Commerce;

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 25-4-127(c), concerning the creation of the Data and Transparency Panel, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The panel shall:

~~(1) Perform a feasibility and cost study on the development of a statewide data warehouse program;~~

~~(2)~~ Evaluate and identify data to be included in the statewide data warehouse program;

~~(3)~~(2) Determine and recommend procedures necessary for the implementation of a statewide data warehouse program;

~~(4)~~(3) Oversee a statewide data warehouse program implemented in this state;

~~(5)~~(4) Evaluate and identify data that may be provided to the public in accordance with data standards and specifications developed by the Division of Information Systems;

(5) Engage other divisions, boards, and commissions by soliciting input on information sharing opportunities;

(6) Provide annual reports to the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and Information Technology; and

(7) Develop a unified longitudinal system that links existing siloed agency information for education and workforce outcomes to continuously conduct a business systems assessment to:

(A) Help the leaders of this state and service providers develop an improved understanding of individual outcomes resulting from education and workforce pipelines in Arkansas;

(B) Identify opportunities for improvement by using real-time information; and

(C) Continuously align programs and resources to the evolving economy of this state.

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