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For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE
12 TASK FORCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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15 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS
16 CYBERINFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE.

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

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3 is amended to add an
22 additional subchapter to read as follows:

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10-3-2501. Title.

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This act shall be known as the "Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force Act".

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10-3-2502. Findings.

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In establishing the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, the
29 General Assembly finds that:

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(1) Implementation and sustainment of the 2008

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Cyberinfrastructure Strategic Plan and associated policy development for

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cyberinfrastructure is crucial to the future of the state and its citizens

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and that the General Assembly must approach cyberinfrastructure policy

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development thoughtfully and consider both near term and strategic goals in

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its deliberations; and



1 (2) The state will benefit from an improved understanding of
2 cyberinfrastructure and the recommendation of cyberinfrastructure policies to
3 leverage technology investments in order to:

4 (A) Energize the economic development system of the state;
5 and

6 (B) Evolve cyberinfrastructure for the benefit of
7 education, research, and business creation, including specifically
8 commercialization of value-added products and services that increase gross
9 state product, per capita income, and job and wealth creation into the
10 state's economic development strategies.

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12 10-3-2503. Definition.

13 As used in this subchapter, "cyberinfrastructure" means shared high-
14 performance computing, data storage systems, data repositories, advanced
15 instruments, data center facilities, visualization environments, and people,
16 all linked together by software and an advanced statewide optical network to
17 improve and enable breakthroughs not otherwise possible.

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19 10-3-2504. Cyberinfrastructure Task Force.

20 (a) There is created a legislative committee to be known as the
21 "Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force", to be composed of:

22 (1) The Director of the Department of Finance and Administration
23 or his or her designee;

24 (2) The Director of the Department of Information Systems or his
25 or her designee;

26 (3) The President of Arkansas Science and Technology Authority
27 or his or her designee;

28 (4) The Chair or his or her designee and the Vice-Chair or his
29 or her designee of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Technology, and
30 Legislative Affairs;

31 (5) The Chair or his or her designee and the Vice-Chair or his
32 or her designee of the House Committee on Advanced Communications and
33 Information Technology;

34 (6)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore
35 of the Senate from a list of ten (10) persons submitted by the Arkansas
36 Broadband Advisory Council.

1 (B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(6)(A) of
2 this section shall include:

3 (i) One (1) member with expertise in optical
4 networks;

5 (ii) One (1) member with expertise in high
6 performance computing;

7 (iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center
8 operation and management; and

9 (iv) One (1) member with expertise in at least one
10 (1) of the following areas:

11 (a) Large-scale data storage;

12 (b) Computer visualization;

13 (c) Distributed authentication and
14 authorization architectures;

15 (d) Distributed collaboration environments; or

16 (e) Other software architectures relevant to
17 advanced cyberinfrastructure; and

18 (7)(A) Four (4) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives from a list of ten (10) persons from higher education in the
20 State of Arkansas submitted by the Higher Education Coordinating Board.

21 (B) The members selected under subdivision (a)(7)(A) of
22 this section shall include:

23 (i) One (1) member with expertise in optical
24 networks;

25 (ii) One (1) member with expertise in high
26 performance computing;

27 (iii) One (1) member with expertise in data center
28 operation and management; and

29 (iv) One (1) member with expertise in at least one
30 (1) of the following areas:

31 (a) Large-scale data storage;

32 (b) Computer visualization;

33 (c) Distributed authentication and
34 authorization architectures;

35 (d) Distributed collaboration environments; or

36 (e) Other software architectures relevant to

1 advanced cyberinfrastructure.

2 (b) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
3 in the same manner as the original appointment.

4 (c) The Cochairs of the Joint Committee on Advanced Communications and
5 Information Technology or the designee of a Cochair of the Joint Committee on
6 Advanced Communications and Information Technology shall serve as cochairs of
7 the task force and shall call meetings as appropriate.

8 (d)(1)(A) The task force may create by written resolution technical
9 work groups.

10 (B) The written resolution for the creation of a technical
11 work group shall specify the:

12 (i) Duties and objectives of the technical work
13 group; and

14 (ii) Date the technical work group shall expire.

15 (2) The membership of a technical work group may include:

16 (A) Members and staff of the task force; and

17 (B) Individuals not affiliated with the task force.

18 (3) Members of the technical work groups shall serve at the
19 pleasure of the task force without compensation.

20 (4) Technical work groups may be created without limitation in
21 areas such as research applications, technology transfer, emergency
22 management, telemedicine, educational outreach, student technologists, and
23 other technical work groups as appropriate.

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25 10-3-2505. Purpose.

26 The purpose of the General Assembly in establishing the Arkansas
27 Cyberinfrastructure Task Force is to:

28 (1) Create, implement, and sustain a globally competitive
29 cyberinfrastructure strategy for the state; and

30 (2) Propose and recommend legislation for the General Assembly
31 each year.

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33 10-3-2506. Report.

34 The Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force shall submit a report and
35 its recommendations for any proposed legislation to the Joint Committee on
36 Advanced Communications and Information Technology and the Legislative

1 Council annually on or before August 1 beginning in 2010.

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3 10-3-2507. Staff support.

4 (a) Staff support for the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force
5 shall be provided by the Bureau of Legislative Research.

6 (b) Upon written request of the Cochairs of the Arkansas
7 Cyberinfrastructure Task Force, additional support shall be provided by
8 agencies of state government.

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10 10-3-2508. Per diem.

11 (a) Legislative members of the Arkansas Cyberinfrastructure Task Force
12 shall be paid per diem and mileage in the manner authorized by law for
13 attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.

14 (b) Nonlegislative members of the task force shall receive per diem
15 and mileage at the rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of
16 interim committees of the General Assembly if funds are available and
17 appropriated by the General Assembly to the pay per diem and mileage to
18 nonlegislative members of the task force.

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20 /s/ Woods

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22 **APPROVED: 4/7/2009**