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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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## Subtitle

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19 STATEWIDE DATA SHARING.  
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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 shall:

35 (i)(a) Establish and maintain a program to collect,  
36 analyze, and exchange government information in carrying out the powers and



1 duties of the executive state agency sharing the data.

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

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

9 (a)(1) A program established and maintained  
10 under this section shall include a policy governing access to government  
11 information held by the division under this chapter.

12 (2) Government information may be made  
13 available only if doing so does not violate state or federal confidentiality  
14 and disclosure laws;

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

19 (A) The division or executive  
20 state agencies are specifically excluded as an authorized receiver; or

21 (B) An authorized receiver of  
22 government information is specifically enumerated under the statutory or  
23 administrative law governing the government information without stated  
24 exceptions or qualifications.

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

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

31 (2) The form required under subdivision  
32 (8)(B)(ii)(c)(1) of this section shall be signed by the administrative head  
33 of the executive state agency so long as the form does not require the  
34 sharing of state agency information that would be in contradiction of  
35 existing state or federal law; and

36 (d)(1) A data sharing form completed and

1 signed under subdivision (8)(B)(ii)(c)(1) of this section constitutes the  
2 agreement required by any statutory or administrative law that governs the  
3 data.

4 (2) Additional documentation is not  
5 required to share data under this section;

6 (iii) Establish privacy and quality policy for  
7 government information that complies with all applicable Arkansas and federal  
8 laws, rules, and policies;

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

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

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15 */s/J. English*

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18 **APPROVED: 4/11/23**