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For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO EXEMPT INHERENTLY VISUAL TECHNOLOGIES
FROM THE NONVISUAL ACCESS STANDARDS UNDER
ARKANSAS CODE § 25-26-204; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 25-26-204 is amended to read as follows:
25-26-204. Procurement requirements.
(a) The technology access clause specified in § 25-26-203 shall be
developed by the Department of Information Systems and shall require
compliance with nonvisual access standards established by the state. The
clause shall be included in all contracts for the procurement of information
technology by, or for the use of, entities covered by this subchapter on or
after July 30, 1999.
(b) The nonvisual access standards established by the state pursuant
to subsection (a) of this section shall include such specifications as are
necessary to fulfill the assurances in § 25-26-203 and shall include the
following minimum specifications:
(1) That effective, interactive control and use of the
technology, including, but not limited to, the operating system, applications
programs, and format of the data presented, is readily achievable by nonvisual means;

(2) That the technology equipped for nonvisual access must be compatible with information technology used by other individuals with whom the blind or visually impaired individual must interact;

(3) That nonvisual access technology must be integrated into networks used to share communications among employees, program participants, and the public; and

(4) That the technology for nonvisual access must have the capability of providing equivalent access by nonvisual means to telecommunications or other interconnected network services used by persons who are not blind or visually impaired.

(c) The minimum specifications under subsection (b) of this section do not prohibit the purchase or use of an information technology product that does not meet these standards if the information manipulated or presented by the product is inherently visual in nature, so that its meaning cannot be conveyed nonvisually.

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