

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

Act 1829 of 2001  
HOUSE BILL 2529

5 By: Representative T. Steele  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED DIVISIONS OF  
11 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL AND  
12 DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE  
16 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED DIVISIONS OF  
17 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF  
18 ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly finds that the Division of Mental  
24 Health Services of the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of Alcohol  
25 and Drug Abuse Prevention of the Department of Health would operate more  
26 effectively if combined within a single organizational structure.

27 (b) There is created a Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug  
28 Abuse Prevention to study and make recommendations on the most effective and  
29 efficient organizational structure to house a combined Division of Mental  
30 Health Services and Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

31 (c)(1) Six (6) months after the effective date of this act, and  
32 quarterly thereafter, the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug  
33 Abuse Prevention shall provide reports to the House and Senate Interim  
34 Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor detailing progress toward  
35 submitting a final recommendation.

36 (2) The Task Force shall submit its final recommendations to the

1 chairpersons of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,  
2 Welfare, and Labor and to the directors of the Department of Human Services  
3 and the Department of Health on or before March 1, 2002.

4 (d) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
5 Prevention shall be comprised of seven (7) members to include the Directors of  
6 the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, one (1) member  
7 appointed by the Governor, two (2) members appointed by the House chair of the  
8 House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and  
9 two (2) members appointed by the Senate chair of the House and Senate Interim  
10 Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

11 (e) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Health shall  
12 cooperate with the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
13 Prevention and shall provide the Task Force with such reasonable assistance  
14 and resources as the Task Force determines is necessary to complete its work.

15 (f)(1) Unless otherwise amended, the provisions of this subchapter  
16 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2003.

17 (2) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
18 Prevention is abolished effective June 30, 2003.

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22 /s/ T. Steele

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25 APPROVED: 4/19/2001