

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 974**

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT  
SERVICES."

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 974.**

Amend Senate Bill No. 974 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. (a) There is created the "Taskforce on Substance Abuse Treatment Services".

(b) The taskforce shall be composed of the following members.

(1) Two (2) Senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

(2) One (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(c) The taskforce shall also have twelve (12) advisory members to be appointed as follows:

(1) Six (6) members appointed by the Arkansas State Substance Abuse Treatment Providers Association;

(2) Two (2) members appointed by the Arkansas Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors;

(3) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Substance Abuse Certification Board;

(4) One (1) member appointed by the State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors;

(5) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, and

(6) One (1) member appointed by the Bureau Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

(d)(1) The terms of the legislative members of the taskforce shall expire on December 31 of each even numbered year.

(2) Advisory members shall serve at the pleasure of the organizations they represent.

(e) Vacancies on the taskforce shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the initial appointment.

(f) The chairperson shall be one (1) of the legislative members of the taskforce and shall be selected by the legislative members of the taskforce.

(g)(1) The taskforce shall meet as often as is deemed necessary by the chairperson.



(2)(A) The chairperson shall call the first meeting, which shall be held no later than sixty (60) days after date of effective date of this act.

(h) The members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation and shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.

(i) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of Legislative Research.

SECTION 2. (a) The purpose of the Taskforce on Substance Abuse Treatment Services is to assess statewide delivery of substance abuse treatment services.

(b) The taskforce will strive to achieve the following:

(1) To assess state substance abuse treatment needs and evaluate the current service delivery system and its capacity to respond to those current and projected treatment needs;

(2) To examine state interagency referral trends and continuity of care to include the identification of service duplication and service overlap;

(3) To determine accurate statewide service costs and identify more cost effective means for the delivery of substance abuse treatment services and the identification of available revenue streams, underutilized revenue, and uncaptured revenue;

(4) To carry out a cost-benefit analysis of substance abuse treatment services to include outcome benefits for the development of policy and procedure reform; and

(5) To make recommendations for the strategic development and implementation of efficient and effective quality care measures.

(c)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be submitted to the legislative leaders, state department directors, state providers, and other appropriate parties for collaborative reform.

(2)(A) The taskforce shall report to the Legislative Council, the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and the House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

(B) The report shall be submitted no later than October 1 of each even numbered year.”

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

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