

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **78th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1991**

# A Bill

**HOUSE BILL**

4 **By: Representatives Mills and Easley**

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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE ON LOCAL CONTROL  
9 OF HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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13 SECTION 1. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the  
14 State of Arkansas that to adequately serve the people of this state, local  
15 control is needed over many of the programs administered by the Arkansas  
16 Department of Human Services and that to ensure the proper balance between  
17 state and local control, a task force should be created to carefully study the  
18 programs of the department.

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20 SECTION 2. (a) There is created the Arkansas Task Force on Local  
21 Control of Human Services Programs. The task force is charged with the duty  
22 to:

23 (1) examine the various programs administered by the Arkansas  
24 Department of Human Services for the purpose of determining the functions of  
25 each program which should be transferred to local control; and

26 (2) to make recommendations on the functions that should be  
27 transferred to a local board and on the structure of local boards.

28 (b) The task force shall have ten (10) members. The composition of the  
29 committee shall be as follows:

30 (1) Four (4) members shall be appointed by the Governor to  
31 represent each of the four (4) Arkansas congressional districts, one of which  
32 shall be the chairman;

33 (2) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the President Pro  
34 Tempore of the Senate;

35 (3) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives.

2 (c) The initial meeting of the task force shall take place before August  
3 1, 1991. The initial meeting shall be called at a time and place of the  
4 choosing of the chairman. The task force shall report its findings and  
5 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Seventy-Ninth  
6 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas on or before January 1, 1993. The  
7 task force shall terminate upon the filing of its final report with the  
8 General Assembly.

9 (d) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall  
10 receive their actual and necessary traveling expenses and meals incurred in  
11 the performance of their duties as members of the task force. All  
12 disbursements of funds for task force expenses shall be at the rate and under  
13 the same guidelines as those expenses for state employees. The Director of  
14 the Department of Human Services is authorized to pay the expenses of the task  
15 force from funds appropriated to his department for conference fees and  
16 travels or from other funds appropriated specifically for the purpose of  
17 paying the expenses of the task force.

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19 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
20 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
21 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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23 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
24 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
25 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
26 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
27 act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
30 hereby repealed.

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