

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1991**
4 **By: Senator Todd**

A Bill

SENATE BILL 488

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON ALZHEIMER'S
9 DISEASE; 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. (a) There is hereby created the Governor's Task Force on
14 Alzheimer's Disease.

15 (b) The task force shall be composed of *seventeen (17)* members to be
16 appointed by the Governor. The task force shall include:

17 (1) one (1) member of the Arkansas Senate;

18 (2) one (1) member of the Arkansas House of Representatives;

19 (3) two (2) members representing long-term care facilities;

20 (4) two (2) physicians who devote a portion of their practice
21 treating patients with Alzheimer's disease;

22 (5) the director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of
23 the Department of Human Services;

24 (6) the director of the Center for Alzheimer's Disease of the
25 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

26 (7) one (1) member from each of the eight (8) *regions served by*
27 *area offices on aging who is a resident of that region and is not an employee*
28 *of the area office on aging; and*

29 (8) one (1) member representing the Arkansas Hospital
30 Association.

31 (c) The members of the task force shall receive travel and hotel
32 expenses incurred while actually engaged in the discharge of official duties.

33 (d) The task force members shall select *co-chairmen* from among their
34 membership.

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SECTION 2. The Governor shall make the required appointments to the task force within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the task force within sixty (60) days of the effective date of this act. The task force shall thereafter meet as needed to accomplish the purposes of the task force as established by this act.

SECTION 3. The purpose of the task force shall be to:

- (1) study the effects of Alzheimer's disease on individuals afflicted with the disease, their families and the effects the disease has on the state as a whole;
- (2) promote public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and its effects on individuals, families and the state;
- (3) keep abreast of new research in the area;
- (4) facilitate an exchange of information between the various agencies that are involved in research of Alzheimer's disease and treatment and support of Alzheimer's patients; and
- (5) report to the Governor, upon request, as to its progress.

SECTION 4. The task force shall present its final report to the Governor no later than November 1, 1992. This report shall include:

- (1) the activities of the task force;
- (2) the findings of the task force;
- (3) any recommendations for programs, policies, or proposed legislation of the task force; and
- (4) any other information the task force considers appropriate.

SECTION 5. The task force shall terminate on December 31, 1992.

SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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8 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the
9 Seventy-Eighth General Assembly that very little is known about Alzheimer's
10 disease; that public awareness is crucial for effective support to individuals
11 who are afflicted with this disease and their families; that a task force is
12 needed to study this disease and its effects on the citizens of this state;
13 and that this act creates such a task force. Therefore, an emergency is
14 hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of
15 the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and
16 after July 1, 1991.

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