

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

SENATE BILL 974

5 By: Senator J. Jeffress
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE
10 ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

13 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE ON
14 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. (a) There is created the "Taskforce on Substance Abuse
20 Treatment Services".

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (3) One (1) member recommended by the Arkansas Substance Abuse
33 Certification Board;

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

36 (5) One (1) member recommended by the Arkansas Alcoholism and



1 Drug Abuse Coordinating Council, and

2 (6) One (1) member recommended by the Bureau Alcohol and Drug
3 Abuse Prevention.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

36 (4) To carry out a cost-benefit analysis of substance abuse

1 treatment services to include outcome benefits for the development of policy
2 and procedure reform; and

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

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

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

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

13 /s/ J. Jeffress
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