

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

HOUSE BILL 2135

5 By: Representative Williams  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY  
10 ENHANCEMENT ACT; TO ASSIST POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS IN  
11 PREVENTING, PREPARING FOR, RESPONDING TO, AND  
12 RECOVERING FROM ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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16 THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
17 ACT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

24 (1) Due to recent acts of violence on campuses of institutions  
25 of higher education across the nation and in Arkansas, taking the proper  
26 course of action to ensure the safety and security of students, faculty, and  
27 staff on campuses of institutions of higher education in Arkansas is  
28 essential to the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff; and

29 (2) The creation of a multidisciplinary advisory task force  
30 composed of leaders in education, mental health, and law enforcement will:

31 (A) Provide support for designing effective campus  
32 security policies and proactive measures that prevent further acts of  
33 violence on campuses of institutions of higher education in Arkansas; and

34 (B) Help ensure an effective response and recovery system  
35 when those acts of violence occur.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1 is amended  
2 to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 6-60-104. Arkansas Safe Campus Task Force.

4 (a) There is hereby created a task force to be known as the "Arkansas  
5 Safe Campus Task Force".

6 (b) The task force shall consist of eight (8) members including:

7 (1) The Director of the Department of Higher Education, or his  
8 or her designee;

9 (2) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or  
10 his or her designee;

11 (3) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Emergency  
12 Management, or his or her designee;

13 (4) One (1) member appointed by the Governor who is trained in  
14 treating persons affected mentally and emotionally by acts of violence;

15 (5) Two (2) members appointed by the Presidents Council who are  
16 university presidents or chancellors, or their designees; and

17 (6) Two (2) members appointed by the Presidents Council who are  
18 two-year college presidents, or their designees.

19 (c) If a vacancy occurs for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in  
20 the same manner as the original appointment.

21 (d) The Director of the Department of Higher Education shall organize  
22 the first meeting of the task force and serve as chair at the first meeting.

23 (e)(1) By September 1, 2009, the task force shall conduct its first  
24 meeting and elect a chair from among its membership.

25 (2) After its first meeting, the task force shall meet upon the  
26 call of the chair, but shall meet no less than quarterly.

27 (3) The task force shall cease to exist after making its report  
28 under subsection (h) of this section, but not later than December 31, 2010.

29 (f)(A) A quorum is required for any action by the task force.

30 (B) Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the  
31 purpose of transacting the business of the task force.

32 (g) The task force shall:

33 (1) Review the current campus safety and security practices of  
34 state-supported two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in  
35 this state and of private institutions of higher education that elect to  
36 participate in a review; and

1           (2) Develop guidelines and recommendations for best practices  
2 for developing an interdisciplinary and multijurisdictional campus violence  
3 prevention, response, and recovery plan that includes:

4           (A) Effective methods of coordinating communications among  
5 and with:

6                   (i) Institutions of higher education and their  
7 administrators, faculty, staff, students, and parents;

8                   (ii) State and local officials;

9                   (iii) Mental health providers; and

10                  (iv) First responders;

11           (B) A campus violence prevention committee;

12           (C) A campus threat assessment team;

13           (D) A mental health response and recovery plan; and

14           (E) An analysis of the types of available training  
15 resources related to campus security issues from which personnel at  
16 institutions of higher education may benefit.

17           (h) By September 1, 2010, the task force shall provide a report to the  
18 Governor, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on  
19 Education on its review under subsection (g)(1) of this section and its  
20 recommendations under subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

21           (i)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff support  
22 and assistance to the task force.

23           (2) As funds are appropriated and available, the department may  
24 reimburse a member of the task force for mileage for attending meetings of  
25 the task force at the rate established by the Department of Finance and  
26 Administration.

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28           SECTION 3. TEMPORARY. DO NOT CODIFY. By September 1, 2009, all  
29 state-supported two-year and four-year institutions of higher education shall  
30 provide to the Arkansas Safe Campus Task Force for its review under this act  
31 a copy of the institution's plan dealing with campus security, violence  
32 prevention, emergency response.

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