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A Bill

SENATE BILL 506

5 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE YOUTH JUSTICE
9 REFORM BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

12 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE YOUTH
13 JUSTICE REFORM BOARD.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 9-28-1201 is amended to read as follows:
20 9-28-1201. Youth Justice Reform Board – Creation – Membership.

21 (a) To ensure statewide accountability for the delivery of youth
22 services consistent with this subchapter, the Division of Youth Services of
23 the Department of Human Services shall create the Youth Justice Reform Board
24 no later than sixty (60) days following July 22, 2015.

25 (b)(1) ~~The~~ Except for a member who is appointed from the General
26 Assembly, the members of the Youth Justice Reform Board shall be selected
27 by the Director of the Division of Youth Services of the Department of Human
28 Services for a single four-year term, with appointments being approved by the
29 Governor.

30 (2)(A) Each member of the Youth Justice Reform Board who is a
31 member of the Senate shall be appointed by and shall serve at the pleasure of
32 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

33 (B) Each member of the Youth Justice Reform Board who is a
34 member of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by and shall serve
35 at the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

36 (3) The Youth Justice Reform Board shall be composed of a



1 ~~maximum of twenty one (21) representatives~~ the following members who have
 2 demonstrated a commitment to improving youth services, with individuals
 3 selected from key stakeholder groups, including without limitation:

4 (A) Juvenile justice system-involved families;

5 (B) Youths who have received or are receiving services
 6 delivered by the Division of Youth Services;

7 (C) Representatives from the Department of Education,
 8 Department of Workforce Services, the Division of Children and Family
 9 Services of the Department of Human Services, and the Division of Aging,
 10 Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services;

11 (D) Youth services providers;

12 (E) Circuit court judges who routinely preside over
 13 juvenile cases;

14 (F) The Administrative Office of the Courts;

15 (G) Prosecuting attorneys or deputy prosecuting attorneys
 16 who are routinely involved in juvenile delinquency cases;

17 (H) Public defenders or deputy public defenders who are
 18 routinely involved in juvenile delinquency cases;

19 (I) Advocacy groups, including the designated state
 20 protection and advocacy group for individuals with disabilities, and other
 21 research and advocacy groups with established leadership for children and
 22 families in Arkansas;

23 (J) The juvenile ombudsman of the Juvenile Ombudsman
 24 Division of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission;

25 (K) Members of the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice
 26 Board;

27 (L) Members of the Juvenile Justice Reform Subcommittee of
 28 the Arkansas Supreme Court Commission on Children, Youth and Families; ~~and~~

29 (M) *Experts in adolescent development;*

30 (N) Two (2) members of the Senate;

31 (O) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives; and

32 (P) Juvenile court staff or program representatives.

33 (c) The ~~director, or his or her designee, shall serve as~~ Governor
 34 shall appoint the Chair of the Youth Justice Reform Board.

35 (d) The Youth Justice Reform Board shall meet at least quarterly.

36 (e) The Division of Youth Services shall provide administrative

1 support necessary for the Youth Justice Reform Board to perform its duties.

2 (f) The Youth Justice Reform Board shall cease operation by ~~June 30,~~
3 ~~2019~~ June 30, 2021.

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