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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFUNCT
10 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS; TO DELEGATE CERTAIN DUTIES OF
11 DEFUNCT BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO OTHER AGENCIES; TO
12 ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS BROADBAND COUNCIL, THE ARKANSAS
13 YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE, THE GRADE "A"
14 MILK PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE PRAIRIE
15 GROVE BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND
16 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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20 TO ABOLISH THE ARKANSAS BROADBAND
21 COUNCIL, THE ARKANSAS YOUTH SUICIDE
22 PREVENTION TASK FORCE, THE GRADE "A" MILK
23 PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THE
24 PRAIRIE GROVE BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK
25 ADVISORY COMMISSION.
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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
29 THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 4, Chapter 113, is repealed.

32 ~~Chapter 113~~

33 ~~Connect Arkansas Broadband Program~~

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35 ~~4-113-101. Short title.~~

36 ~~This chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Connect Arkansas~~



1 ~~Broadband Act”.~~

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3 ~~4-113-102. Definitions.~~

4 ~~As used in this chapter:~~

5 ~~(1) “Broadband” means any service used to provide Internet~~
6 ~~access at a minimum speed that is the greater of:~~

7 ~~(A) Seven hundred sixty eight kilobites per second (768~~
8 ~~kbps) in at least one (1) direction; or~~

9 ~~(B) The minimum speed for broadband as defined by~~
10 ~~regulations of the Federal Communications Commission as of January 1, 2009,~~
11 ~~or as of a later date if adopted by rule of the Arkansas Broadband Council;~~

12 ~~(2) “Broadband backbone” means the collection of high-capacity~~
13 ~~broadband infrastructure used to deliver broadband service to communities,~~
14 ~~counties, or regions of the State of Arkansas;~~

15 ~~(3) “Last mile broadband” means the broadband media used to~~
16 ~~deliver broadband to a user location such as a home or an office building;~~
17 ~~and~~

18 ~~(4) “Participants” means the employees of Connect Arkansas and~~
19 ~~all entities participating in Connect Arkansas programs to facilitate the~~
20 ~~preparation of the people and businesses of Arkansas for the use of broadband~~
21 ~~and to facilitate the deployment of broadband service to individual and~~
22 ~~organizational consumers in Arkansas.~~

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24 ~~4-113-103. [Repealed.]~~

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26 ~~4-113-104. Creation of the Arkansas Broadband Council.~~

27 ~~(a) The Arkansas Broadband Council is created and shall:~~

28 ~~(1) Monitor the broadband based development efforts of other~~
29 ~~states and nations in areas such as business, education, and health;~~

30 ~~(2) Receive input from all Arkansas broadband stakeholders and~~
31 ~~advise the Governor and the General Assembly on policies related to broadband~~
32 ~~in Arkansas;~~

33 ~~(3) Serve as the broadband advocate to state agencies and other~~
34 ~~state entities to communicate the broadband needs of the citizens and~~
35 ~~organizations of the state that do not have access to broadband service or to~~
36 ~~broadband service adequate for their needs; and~~

1 ~~(4) Have the authority to adopt by rule the minimum speed for~~
2 ~~the definition of "broadband" under § 4-113-102(1) that is provided by the~~
3 ~~regulations of the Federal Communications Commission.~~

4 ~~(b) The council shall include:~~

5 ~~(1) One (1) representative from each broadband provider~~
6 ~~association that exists in the state on July 31, 2007, including without~~
7 ~~limitation the Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association and the Arkansas~~
8 ~~Telecommunications Association;~~

9 ~~(2) Three (3) members to be appointed by the Governor;~~

10 ~~(3) Three (3) members to be appointed by the President Pro~~
11 ~~Tempore of the Senate;~~

12 ~~(4) Three (3) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the~~
13 ~~House of Representatives; and~~

14 ~~(5) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development~~
15 ~~Commission or his or her designee who shall serve as an ex-officio member of~~
16 ~~the council.~~

17 ~~(c) The council shall provide:~~

18 ~~(1) A written biennial report to the Governor and the General~~
19 ~~Assembly; and~~

20 ~~(2) Interim reports as requested by the Governor or the General~~
21 ~~Assembly.~~

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23 ~~4-113-105. [Repealed.]~~

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25 ~~4-113-106. Legislative findings—Critical infrastructure—Priority of~~
26 ~~county economic development plans that include regional broadband~~
27 ~~collaboration.~~

28 ~~(a) The General Assembly finds that:~~

29 ~~(1) Broadband is:~~

30 ~~(A) Critical infrastructure to the State of Arkansas; and~~

31 ~~(B) Essential to:~~

32 ~~(i) The fundamental activities of an advanced~~
33 ~~society including education, economic development, health, the pursuit of~~
34 ~~science and technology, and the conduct of government at all levels; and~~

35 ~~(ii) Obtaining economic and educational equality~~
36 ~~among the different counties and regions of Arkansas;~~

~~(2) As a critical infrastructure:~~

~~(A) The first phase of the statewide broadband effort must be to make broadband accessible to every individual and organization in Arkansas; and~~

~~(B) The second phase of the statewide broadband effort must be to establish Arkansas as a leader in the leveraging of broadband in support of the activities essential to an advanced society; and~~

~~(3) The inclusion of broadband in state and county economic development plans should be encouraged.~~

~~(b) State activities in support of county economic development plans shall give priority to county economic development plans that include regional broadband collaborations to assist in situations in which counties cannot independently establish broadband.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-1005(a)(5)-(a)(7), concerning the definition of "student services program", are amended to read as follows:

(5) Group conflict resolution services, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Educational and social programs that help students develop skills enabling them to resolve differences and conflicts between groups;

(B) Programs designed to promote understanding, positive communication, and greater utilization of a race relations specialist or human relations specialist to assist in the development of intergroup skills; and

(C) Programs designed to prevent bullying; and

(6) Health services, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

(A) Students with special healthcare needs, including the chronically ill, medically fragile, and technology-dependent, and students with other health impairments shall have individualized healthcare plans;

(B)(i) Invasive medical procedures required by students and provided at the school shall be performed by trained, licensed personnel who are licensed to perform the task subject to § 17-87-102(10)(D) or other professional licensure statutes, unless permitted under § 17-87-103(10) and (11).

1 (ii) The regular classroom teacher shall not perform
2 ~~these the~~ tasks described in subdivision (a)(6)(B)(i) of this section, except
3 that public school employees may volunteer to be trained and administer
4 glucagon to a student with type 1 diabetes in an emergency situation
5 permitted under § 17-87-103(11); and

6 (C) Custodial healthcare services required by students
7 under individualized healthcare plans shall be provided by trained school
8 employees other than the regular classroom teachers; ~~and~~

9 ~~(7) The distribution of a suicide prevention public awareness~~
10 ~~program developed for distribution by the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention~~
11 ~~Task Force.~~

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13 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 13, Chapter 7, Subchapter 4, is
14 repealed.

15 Subchapter 4

16 ~~—Prairie Grove Battlefield Commission~~

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18 ~~13-7-401. Creation—Members.~~

19 ~~(a) There is created a Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Advisory~~
20 ~~Commission.~~

21 ~~(b)(1) The commission shall be composed of seven (7) qualified~~
22 ~~electors of the State of Arkansas to be appointed by the Governor and shall~~
23 ~~serve in an advisory capacity to the State Parks Division of the Department~~
24 ~~of Parks and Tourism.~~

25 ~~(2) Four (4) members of the commission shall be residents of~~
26 ~~Washington County, Arkansas.~~

27 ~~(3) One (1) member of the commission shall be an historian by~~
28 ~~profession.~~

29 ~~(c) The members of the commission shall be appointed for five-year~~
30 ~~staggered terms of office.~~

31 ~~(d) Vacancies on the commission caused by death, resignation, or any~~
32 ~~other reason shall be filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired~~
33 ~~portion of the term.~~

34 ~~(e)(1) The commission shall advise the division in the establishment~~
35 ~~of policies and procedures for the development and operation of the Prairie~~
36 ~~Grove Battlefield State Park.~~

1 ~~(2) However, final authority for all matters relating to the~~
2 ~~development and operation of the park shall rest with the Director of the~~
3 ~~Department of Parks and Tourism.~~

4 ~~(f) Under the supervision of the Superintendent of the Prairie Grove~~
5 ~~Battlefield State Park and with the approval of the director, the commission~~
6 ~~shall develop and coordinate efforts to encourage gifts or donations to the~~
7 ~~park.~~

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9 ~~13-7-402. Officers—Oaths and compensation of members.~~

10 ~~(a) Before any member of the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park~~
11 ~~Advisory Commission shall enter upon his or her duties as a member of the~~
12 ~~commission, the member shall take the oath required of elected state~~
13 ~~officials and shall file a copy of the oath in the office of the Secretary of~~
14 ~~State.~~

15 ~~(b)(1) Upon its appointment, the commission shall meet and organize by~~
16 ~~electing one (1) member as chair and one (1) member as secretary and shall~~
17 ~~elect any other officers as the commission deems necessary.~~

18 ~~(2) The officers shall be elected annually.~~

19 ~~(c)(1) Members of the commission shall serve without compensation.~~

20 ~~(2) However, the members may receive expense reimbursement in~~
21 ~~accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.~~

22
23 13-7-403 – 13-7-405. [Repealed.]

24
25 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 19-5-302(3)(A), concerning the Parks and
26 Tourism Fund Account, is amended to read as follows:

27 (A) The Parks and Tourism Fund Account shall be used for the
28 maintenance, operation, and improvement required by the Department of Parks
29 and Tourism as created by § 25-13-101, or other duties imposed by law upon
30 the Department of Parks and Tourism, the State Parks, Recreation, and Travel
31 Commission, ~~the Prairie Grove Battlefield State Park Advisory Commission,~~ or
32 upon any state park of Arkansas.
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34 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 20-45-302(c)(18)-(c)(23), concerning the
35 membership of the Arkansas Suicide Prevention Council, are amended to read as
36 follows:

1 (18) A Two (2) family member members of ~~a person~~ persons who
2 died by suicide, to be designated by the Governor;

3 (19) A person who has attempted suicide, recovered, and is now
4 thriving, to be designated by the Governor;

5 (20) A representative of the suicide prevention nonprofit
6 community, to be designated by the Governor;

7 (21) A representative of the Arkansas Prevention Network, to be
8 designated by the President of the Arkansas Prevention Network; and

9 (22) A representative from an interfaith organization, to be
10 designated by the Governor; ~~and~~

11 ~~(23) The Chair of the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task~~
12 ~~Force, or his or her designee.~~

13
14 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 20-59-404(d), concerning inspection fees
15 under the Arkansas Grade "A" Milk Program Act of 1981, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 (d) The fees set forth in subsection (a) of this section may be
18 increased by up to one half cent (\$.005) beginning July 1, 1992, upon
19 certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State that the expenditures
20 of the program exceed the amount of fees collected. ~~Any request for an~~
21 ~~increase in fees shall be reviewed by the Grade "A" Milk Program Advisory~~
22 ~~Committee.~~

23
24 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 20-59-407 is repealed.

25 ~~20-59-407. Reports to Grade "A" Milk Program Advisory Committee.~~
26 ~~The Department of Health shall provide the Grade "A" Milk Program~~
27 ~~Advisory Committee on a quarterly basis a full and complete statement of all~~
28 ~~receipts and disbursements of the Milk Inspection Fees Fund.~~

29
30 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 59, Subchapter 5, is
31 repealed.

32 ~~Subchapter 5~~

33 ~~—Grade "A" Milk Program Advisory Committee~~

34
35 ~~20-59-501. Title.~~

36 ~~This subchapter may be cited as the "Advisory Committee to the Arkansas~~

1 ~~Grade ‘A’ Milk Program Act of 1981’.~~

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3 ~~20-59-502. Definitions.~~

4 ~~As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise requires:~~

5 ~~(1) “Committee” means the Grade “A” Milk Program Advisory~~
6 ~~Committee;~~

7 ~~(2) “Governor” means the Governor of the State of Arkansas;~~

8 ~~(3) “Grade ‘A’ milk and milk products” means milk and milk~~
9 ~~products that are in compliance with the Grade “A” milk control laws and~~
10 ~~regulations of the State of Arkansas;~~

11 ~~(4) “Grade ‘A’ milk industry of the State of Arkansas” means~~
12 ~~Grade “A” milk producers, producer-distributors, milk haulers, milk~~
13 ~~distributors, dairy farms, milk plants, receiving stations, and transfer~~
14 ~~stations;~~

15 ~~(5) “Grade ‘A’ milk plant” means a milk plant in any place,~~
16 ~~premise, or establishment where milk or milk products are collected, handled,~~
17 ~~processed, stored, pasteurized, bottled, or prepared for distribution. The~~
18 ~~establishment shall possess a valid permit signed by the administrator of the~~
19 ~~Grade “A” Milk and Milk Products Inspection and Regulation Program;~~

20 ~~(6) “Grade ‘A’ milk producer” means any person who possesses a~~
21 ~~valid permit signed by the administrator of the program, who operates a dairy~~
22 ~~farm and provides, sells, or offers milk for sale to a milk plant, receiving~~
23 ~~station, or transfer station; and~~

24 ~~(7) “State” means the State of Arkansas.~~

25
26 ~~20-59-503. Creation—Members.~~

27 ~~(a) There is created the Grade “A” Milk Program Advisory Committee to~~
28 ~~be composed of seven (7) members, to be selected as provided in this section.~~
29 ~~The committee shall be advisory to the Grade “A” Milk and Milk Products~~
30 ~~Inspection and Regulation Program for the purpose of recommending rules and~~
31 ~~regulations concerning Grade “A” milk and milk products and other health code~~
32 ~~standards within the Grade “A” milk industry of the state.~~

33 ~~(b)(1) Four (4) members of the committee shall be appointed by the~~
34 ~~Governor from the Grade “A” milk industry of the state, two (2) of whom shall~~
35 ~~be Grade “A” milk producers, one (1) member shall be from a Grade “A” milk~~
36 ~~plant who is in general management, and one (1) member shall be from a Grade~~

1 ~~“A” milk plant who is in production management.~~

2 ~~(2) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Governor from~~
3 ~~the Division of Environmental Health Protection of the Department of Health,~~
4 ~~one of whom shall be the Director of the Division of Environmental Health~~
5 ~~Protection of the Department of Health, another to be the state Grade “A”~~
6 ~~milk survey officer, and one (1) member shall be a Grade “A” milk field~~
7 ~~sanitarian.~~

8 ~~(3) No more than one (1) person from one (1) manufacturing firm~~
9 ~~or corporation can be elected or serve as a member of the committee at the~~
10 ~~same time.~~

11 ~~(c) All members of the committee shall hold office for the period of~~
12 ~~six (6) years and until their successors have been duly elected and~~
13 ~~qualified.~~

14 ~~(d) In the case of a vacancy on the committee, the Governor shall~~
15 ~~immediately appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the office.~~

16 ~~(e)(1) Members of the committee shall serve without pay but may~~
17 ~~receive expense reimbursement in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.~~

18 ~~(2) Expenses and mileage shall be paid from moneys in the Milk~~
19 ~~Inspection Fees Fund.~~

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21 ~~20-59-504. Officers.~~

22 ~~(a) The officers of the Grade “A” Milk Program Advisory Committee~~
23 ~~shall consist of a chair, a vice chair, and secretary, who shall at all times~~
24 ~~be members of the committee and residents of this state.~~

25 ~~(b) Officers of the committee when elected shall hold office for the~~
26 ~~period of one (1) year each and until their respective successors shall have~~
27 ~~been elected and qualified.~~

28 ~~(c) In the case of a vacancy in any office of the committee, the~~
29 ~~remaining members of the committee shall elect a successor to fill the~~
30 ~~unexpired term of the office.~~

31 ~~(d)(1) The chair shall be the chief executive of the committee. He or~~
32 ~~she shall preside at the meetings of the committee. He or she shall have~~
33 ~~general supervision over the entire business of the committee. He or she~~
34 ~~shall see that all orders or resolutions of the committee are carried into~~
35 ~~effect. He or she shall submit to the members at each regular meeting thereof~~
36 ~~a complete report of the operations and the affairs of the committee for the~~

1 preceding three (3) months. From time to time, he or she shall report to the
2 committee all matters within his or her knowledge which the interests of the
3 committee may require.

4 (2) The vice chair, in the absence or in case of inability of
5 the chair to act, shall perform all the duties and have all the powers of the
6 chair. The vice chair shall, in addition, perform such other duties and have
7 such other powers as the committee may, from time to time by resolution,
8 determine.

9 (3) The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the
10 committee in books provided for that purpose. He or she shall keep a full,
11 complete, and faithful record of all transactions which shall at all times be
12 open to the inspection of the members of the committee. He or she shall also
13 perform such other duties as may pertain to his or her office or as the chair
14 or vice chair may require. In the absence of the secretary from any meeting
15 of the committee, the records of the proceedings shall be kept by such other
16 person as may be appointed for that purpose at the meeting.

17
18 20-59-505. Meetings.

19 (a)(1) Regular meetings of the members of the Grade "A" Milk Program
20 Advisory Committee shall be held in the months of January, April, July, and
21 October of each year at such time and place as may be designated by the
22 committee.

23 (2) Notice of the time and place of the regular meetings shall
24 be sent by the secretary to each member of the committee by mail at least ten
25 (10) days and not more than thirty (30) days before the meeting.

26 (3) The mailed notice shall be addressed to each member at his
27 or her address as it appears on the membership records of the committee.

28 (b) Special meetings of the committee shall be held whenever called by
29 the chair or in his or her absence by the vice chair, or by two (2) of the
30 members. The secretary, or if he or she refuses to act, two (2) members of
31 the committee shall give written notice of each special meeting by letter at
32 least five (5) days before the date of the meeting to each member of the
33 committee by mail addressed to each member at his or her address as it
34 appears on the membership records of the committee.

35 (c) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute a
36 quorum for business.

~~(d) Each member of the committee shall have the right to appoint with power of attorney another member in good standing to represent him or her at meetings of the committee.~~

~~20 59 506. Review of proposed rules and regulations—Exceptions.~~

~~(a) The State Board of Health shall not adopt rules or regulations concerning Grade “A” milk or milk products or other health code standards related to the Grade “A” milk industry of this state until the rules or regulations have been reviewed by the Grade “A” Milk Program Advisory Committee in a regular or specially called meeting.~~

~~(b)(1) However, if a meeting is not held within forty five (45) days after a written notice by the board of intent to promulgate rules and regulations, the review of the committee shall be deemed waived.~~

~~(2) The Director of the Department of Health and the board may adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the Grade “A” milk industry of this state in times of emergency or natural disaster without notice to the committee.~~

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 16, is repealed.

~~Subchapter 16~~

~~—Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Act~~

~~20 77 1601. Title.~~

~~This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Act”.~~

~~20 77 1602. Legislative findings.~~

~~(a) The General Assembly finds that youth suicide is a serious problem that:~~

~~(1) Takes the life of a youngster who has only begun to live; and~~

~~(2) Can be prevented with suicide intervention strategies.~~

~~(b) The General Assembly also recognizes that suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people between fifteen (15) years of age and twenty four (24) years of age and the fourth leading cause of death for~~

1 ~~persons between ten (10) years of age and fourteen (14) years of age.~~

2
3 ~~20-77-1603. Purpose.~~

4 ~~The purpose of this subchapter is to establish:~~

5 ~~(1) A task force made up of youth students, classroom teachers,~~
6 ~~and school counselors that addresses issues related to the prevention of~~
7 ~~youth suicide in an age group that is most vulnerable to depression; and~~

8 ~~(2) An advisory council to provide the task force with~~
9 ~~scientifically based information on youth suicide, including suicide~~
10 ~~prevention best practices programs and recommendations for the implementation~~
11 ~~of proven suicide prevention programs for young people in the State of~~
12 ~~Arkansas.~~

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14 ~~20-77-1604. Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force—Creation.~~

15 ~~(a) There is established the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task~~
16 ~~Force.~~

17 ~~(b) The task force shall consist of seventeen (17) members as follows:~~

18 ~~(1)(A) The Governor shall appoint eight (8) members:~~

19 ~~(i) Two (2) students who are in grades seven (7) or~~
20 ~~eight (8) at the time of appointment;~~

21 ~~(ii) Two (2) students who are in grades nine through~~
22 ~~twelve (9-12) at the time of appointment; and~~

23 ~~(iii) Four (4) students who attend an institution of~~
24 ~~higher education in the state.~~

25 ~~(B) Each student appointed under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of~~
26 ~~this section shall reside in and represent a different University of Arkansas~~
27 ~~for Medical Sciences health education center region;~~

28 ~~(2) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members who are classroom~~
29 ~~teachers;~~

30 ~~(3) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members who are school~~
31 ~~counselors;~~

32 ~~(4) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint two~~
33 ~~(2) members who represent the state at large;~~

34 ~~(A) One (1) student who is in grades nine through twelve~~
35 ~~(9-12) at the time of appointment; and~~

36 ~~(B) One (1) student who attends an institution of higher~~

1 ~~education in the state;~~

2 ~~(5) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint~~
3 ~~two (2) members who represent the state at large;~~

4 ~~(A) One (1) student who is in grades nine through twelve~~
5 ~~(9-12) at the time of appointment; and~~

6 ~~(B) One (1) student who attends an institution of higher~~
7 ~~education in the state; and~~

8 ~~(6) The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee.~~

9 ~~(c)(1)(A) The Governor shall consult the Department of Education~~
10 ~~before appointing a student member.~~

11 ~~(B) The Governor shall select student members to represent~~
12 ~~each of the following health education center regions:~~

13 ~~(i) Central;~~

14 ~~(ii) South central;~~

15 ~~(iii) North central;~~

16 ~~(iv) Northeast;~~

17 ~~(v) Northwest;~~

18 ~~(vi) Southwest;~~

19 ~~(vii) South; and~~

20 ~~(viii) Delta.~~

21 ~~(C) Student members shall be at least thirteen (13) years~~
22 ~~of age but less than twenty two (22) years of age when appointed.~~

23 ~~(2) The Governor shall select the classroom teacher members~~
24 ~~after consulting the Arkansas Education Association.~~

25 ~~(3) The Governor shall select the school counselor members after~~
26 ~~consulting the Arkansas Counseling Association.~~

27 ~~(4) All members shall be residents of the State of Arkansas at~~
28 ~~the time of appointment and throughout their terms.~~

29 ~~(5) Appointments made by the Governor under this section shall~~
30 ~~be subject to confirmation by the Senate.~~

31 ~~(d)(1) In 2005, eight (8) members shall be appointed by the Governor~~
32 ~~to serve as follows:~~

33 ~~(A) Two (2) for terms to expire June 30, 2006;~~

34 ~~(B) Two (2) for terms to expire June 30, 2007;~~

35 ~~(C) Two (2) for terms to expire June 30, 2008; and~~

36 ~~(D) Two (2) for terms to expire June 30, 2009.~~

1 ~~(2) In 2005, two (2) members shall be appointed by the Speaker~~
2 ~~of the House of Representatives to serve as follows:~~

3 ~~(A) One (1) for a term to expire June 30, 2006; and~~

4 ~~(B) One (1) for a term to expire June 30, 2007.~~

5 ~~(3) In 2005, two (2) members shall be appointed by the President~~
6 ~~Pro Tempore of the Senate to serve as follows:~~

7 ~~(A) One (1) for a term to expire June 30, 2008; and~~

8 ~~(B) One (1) for a term to expire June 30, 2009.~~

9 ~~(4) Subsequent appointments are for terms of two (2) years.~~

10 ~~(e)(1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason,~~
11 ~~the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the official who made the~~
12 ~~appointment.~~

13 ~~(2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the~~
14 ~~unexpired term.~~

15
16 ~~20-77-1605. Task force — Mission.~~

17 ~~The Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force shall:~~

18 ~~(1) Assist in increasing the awareness of youth suicide among~~
19 ~~school personnel and community leaders;~~

20 ~~(2) Enhance the school climate and relationships among teachers,~~
21 ~~counselors, and students to encourage everyone to recognize the signs of~~
22 ~~suicidal tendencies and other facts about youth suicide;~~

23 ~~(3) Encourage the development and implementation of school-based~~
24 ~~youth suicide prevention programs and pilot projects;~~

25 ~~(4) Utilize community resources in the development and~~
26 ~~implementation of youth suicide prevention programs through cooperative~~
27 ~~efforts;~~

28 ~~(5) Increase the awareness of students of the relationship~~
29 ~~between drug and alcohol use and youth suicide;~~

30 ~~(6) Advocate programs to collect data on youth suicide attempts;~~
31 ~~and~~

32 ~~(7) Develop a program of suicide prevention for distribution to~~
33 ~~the schools of the State of Arkansas.~~

34
35 ~~20-77-1606. Task force — Meetings.~~

36 ~~(a)(1) The Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force shall hold a~~

1 ~~meeting at least one (1) time during each quarter of the calendar year.~~

2 ~~(2) The Commissioner of Education shall call the first meeting~~
 3 ~~of the task force no later than thirty (30) days after all of the members are~~
 4 ~~appointed to the task force.~~

5 ~~(b)(1) At the first meeting, the task force shall determine by~~
 6 ~~majority vote who shall serve as chair, vice chair, and secretary.~~

7 ~~(2)(A) The task force shall elect officers annually at the first~~
 8 ~~meeting of the task force in each calendar year.~~

9 ~~(B) Officers shall serve one year terms.~~

10 ~~(c) A quorum shall consist of not fewer than nine (9) members. An~~
 11 ~~affirmative vote of a quorum is necessary for the disposition of business.~~

12 ~~(d) At the end of each calendar year, the task force shall submit a~~
 13 ~~report to the commissioner.~~

14 ~~(e)(1) The Department of Education shall provide staff and office~~
 15 ~~space to the task force.~~

16 ~~(2) The office space shall be in Little Rock, Arkansas.~~

17 ~~(f)(1) Members shall receive no pay for services with respect to~~
 18 ~~attendance at each meeting.~~

19 ~~(2) However, if funds are appropriated for the purpose, members~~
 20 ~~are entitled to expense reimbursement under § 25-16-902 for each day that the~~
 21 ~~task force meets.~~

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 23 ~~20-77-1607. Advisory Council to the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention~~
 24 ~~Task Force — Creation.~~

25 ~~(a) To assist the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force, there~~
 26 ~~is established the Advisory Council to the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention~~
 27 ~~Task Force.~~

28 ~~(b) The council shall consist of the following members:~~

29 ~~(1) The Chair of the Department of Psychiatry of the University~~
 30 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall appoint two (2) members, one (1) of~~
 31 ~~whom shall be designated as the Chair of the Advisory Council to the Arkansas~~
 32 ~~Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force;~~

33 ~~(2) The Director of the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral~~
 34 ~~Health Services of the Department of Human Services shall appoint one (1)~~
 35 ~~member from the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services of~~
 36 ~~the Department of Human Services;~~

1 ~~(3) The Dean of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health of~~
 2 ~~the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall appoint one (1) member~~
 3 ~~from the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education of the University~~
 4 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;~~

5 ~~(4) The Commissioner of Education shall appoint one (1) member;~~

6 ~~(5) The Chair of the Department of Psychiatry of the University~~
 7 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall appoint one (1) member from a list of~~
 8 ~~three (3) persons submitted by the Arkansas office of the National Alliance~~
 9 ~~on Mental Illness;~~

10 ~~(6) The Chair of the Department of Psychiatry of the University~~
 11 ~~of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall appoint one (1) member from a list of~~
 12 ~~three (3) persons submitted by the Board of Directors of Arkansas for Drug~~
 13 ~~Free Youth; and~~

14 ~~(7) The Chair of the Advisory Council to the Arkansas Youth~~
 15 ~~Suicide Prevention Task Force shall appoint one (1) interested parent from a~~
 16 ~~list of interested parents who respond to a newspaper notice placed by the~~
 17 ~~Department of Psychiatry of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences~~
 18 ~~within thirty (30) days of August 12, 2005.~~

19 ~~(c) Each member of the council shall serve for a term of two (2)~~
 20 ~~years.~~

21 ~~(d)(1) If a vacancy occurs in an appointed position for any reason,~~
 22 ~~the vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the official who made the~~
 23 ~~appointment.~~

24 ~~(2) The new appointee shall serve for the remainder of the~~
 25 ~~unexpired term.~~

26 ~~(e)(1) The council shall meet at the times and places that the chair~~
 27 ~~deems necessary, but no meetings shall be held outside the State of Arkansas.~~

28 ~~(2)(A) Five (5) of the members of the council shall constitute a~~
 29 ~~quorum for the purpose of transacting business.~~

30 ~~(B) All actions of the council shall be by a quorum.~~

31 ~~(f)(1) Members shall receive no pay for services with respect to~~
 32 ~~attendance at each meeting.~~

33 ~~(2) However, if funds are appropriated for the purpose, members~~
 34 ~~are entitled to expense reimbursement under § 25-16-902 for each day that the~~
 35 ~~council meets.~~

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~~20-77-1608. Advisory council—Mission.~~

~~The Advisory Council to the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force shall:~~

~~(1) Serve as a liaison between the Arkansas Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force and the scientific and treatment community to ensure that task force activities are firmly based in effective and safe suicide prevention activities;~~

~~(2) Research and make recommendations to the task force, the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and the General Assembly regarding successful youth suicide prevention programs used in other states;~~

~~(3) Develop a plan for a model youth suicide prevention program that can be implemented throughout the state with site-specific recommendations and recommend a timeline for the implementation of the model program;~~

~~(4)(A) If funds are appropriated for the purpose, host a conference with national experts in the field of youth suicide prevention.~~

~~(B) The Department of Psychiatry of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences shall coordinate the conference in conjunction with the task force.~~

~~(C) Invitees to the conference shall include students in grades seven through twelve (7-12), college students, teachers, professors, staff, and administrators of public schools, private schools, and institutions of higher education, mental health professionals, legislators, and other interested persons;~~

~~(5) Monitor and disburse appropriations for the task force, the council, and related activities;~~

~~(6) Apply for, receive, and disburse grants related to youth suicide prevention and research as the council deems appropriate; and~~

~~(7) Participate in the quarterly meetings of the task force.~~

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