

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.

1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

Act 1655 of 2001
SENATE BILL 904

5 By: Senator Riggs
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
10 PREVENTION TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBE ITS FUNCTIONS
11 AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 TO ESTABLISH THE DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
14 PREVENTION TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBE ITS
15 FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.
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19 WHEREAS, Arkansas has made significant progress in reducing social,
20 health and safety problems linked to substance abuse, yet these problems
21 continue to cause considerable human suffering, economic burdens and social
22 problems; and

23 WHEREAS, the youth of our state continue to be subjected at early ages
24 to pressures from new drugs, new addicts and new distributors of illegal
25 drugs; and

26 WHEREAS, it is nationally recognized that the total cost to society of
27 alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances is over two billion dollars
28 annually which exceeds the amount spent for all K-12 education programs; and

29 WHEREAS, it is essential that drug abuse prevention and violence
30 prevention be continuously taught to all Arkansas youth,
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32 NOW THEREFORE,

33 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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35 SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Arkansas Drug Abuse and
36 Violence Prevention Task Force which shall be composed of eight (8) members

1 to be selected as follows:

2 One (1) representative of the Governor's office, to be designated by
3 the Governor;

4 One (1) representative of the Department of Health, to be designated by
5 the Director of the Department of Health;

6 One (1) representative of the Department of Education, to be designated
7 by the Director of the Department of Education;

8 One (1) representative of the Department of Human Services, to be
9 designated by the Director of the Department of Human Services;

10 One (1) representative of the Office of Attorney General, to be
11 designated by the Attorney General;

12 One (1) representative of the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse
13 Coordinating Council, to be designated by the Council;

14 One (1) member to be designated by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate; and

16 One (1) member to be designated by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

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20 SECTION 2. The Arkansas Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force
21 shall develop a model coordinated, comprehensive and cumulative curriculum
22 for teaching drug abuse prevention and violence prevention in grades K-12 in
23 the public schools.

24 The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
25 Governor and the Legislative Council on or before March 1, 2002, and shall
26 cease to exist on that date.

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28 SECTION 3. Necessary staff assistance to the task force shall be
29 provided by one or more of the agencies represented on the task force, as may
30 be agreed upon by the individuals designating members of the task force.

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33 APPROVED: 4/16/2001