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.

Act 1280 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/16/05		
2	85th General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2005		HOUSE BILL 2874	
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5	By: Representatives W. Lewellen,	Clemons, Rainey, Davis, J. Martin		
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8		For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASKFORCE FOR THE STUDY OF			
10	THE HOMELESS	S; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.		
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13	TO CREATE	E THE TASKFORCE FOR THE STUD	OY OF	
14	THE HOMEI	LESS.		
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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) The	ere is created the Taskforce	for the Study of the	
20	<u>Homeless.</u>			
21	(b) The taskforce s	shall be composed of fifteen	(15) members as	
22	<u>follows:</u>			
23	<u>(1)</u> Two (2) m	nembers shall be appointed by	y the Governor;	
24	(2) Two (2) m	nembers shall be appointed by	y the President Pro	
25	Tempore of the Senate;			
26	<u>(3)</u> Two (2) m	nembers shall be appointed by	y the Speaker of the	
27	House of Representatives;			
28	<u>(4)</u> One (1) m	nember shall be appointed by	the Chair of the Senate	
29	Interim Committee on Publi	c Health, Welfare, and Labo	<u>r;</u>	
30	<u>(5)</u> One (1) m	nember shall be appointed by	the Chair of the House	
31	Interim Committee on Publi	c Health, Welfare, and Labo	<u>r;</u>	
32	<u>(6)</u> One (1) m	nember shall be appointed by	the Chair of the Senate	
33	Interim Committee on City,	County, and Local Affairs;		
34	<u>(7) One (1) m</u>	member shall be appointed by	the Chair of the House	
35	Interim Committee on City,	County, and Local Affairs;		

1	(8) The Director of the Department of Human Services or his or		
2	her designee;		
3	(9) The Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of		
4	the Department Human Services or his or her designee;		
5	(10) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the		
6	Department of Human Services or his or her designee;		
7	(11) The Director of the Department of Health or his or her		
8	designee; and		
9	(12) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or his		
10	or her designee.		
11	(c) The terms of the members of the taskforce shall expire on December		
12	<u>31, 2006.</u>		
13	(d) If a vacancy occurs on the taskforce, a successor shall be		
14	appointed in the same manner as provided for the initial appointment.		
15	(e) A chairperson shall be selected by the members of the taskforce.		
16	(f) The chair shall call the first meeting, which shall be held no		
17	later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.		
18	(g) The taskforce shall meet no less than quarterly at dates to be		
19	determined by the chair.		
20	(h) The members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation and		
21	shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.		
22	(i) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of		
23	Legislative Research.		
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25	SECTION 2. (a) The purpose of the Taskforce for the Study of the		
26	Homeless is to collect data and other information concerning the homeless		
27	within the State of Arkansas.		
28	(b) The taskforce shall:		
29	(1) Collect data to determine an approximate number of homeless		
30	persons within the State of Arkansas;		
31	(2) Collect information to ascertain the reason for becoming		
32	homeless;		
33	(3) Assess the needs of the homeless within the State of		
34	Arkansas;		
35	(4) Survey the current resources for services for the homeless;		
36	(5) Evaluate the current and future needs for these services;		

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1	(6) Determine the programs and services needed to lind jobs and		
2	homes for the homeless, to provide health care and mental health care to the		
3	homeless, to provide rehabilitation services to the homeless who suffer from		
4	substance abuse, and to provide the education needed to reduce the number of		
5	homeless persons; and		
6	(7) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent		
7	of this subchapter.		
8	(c)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be		
9	submitted to the Legislative Council, the President Pro Tempore of the		
10	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.		
11	(2) The taskforce shall make its final report along with any		
12	recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later		
13	than October 1, 2006.		
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15	/s/ W. Lewellen		
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