Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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By: Senator J. Key

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE
PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE;
TO STUDY "ERIN’S LAW" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE
PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD
SEXUAL ABUSE; AND TO STUDY "ERIN’S LAW".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. (a) There is
established the “Arkansas Task Force for the Prevention Through Education of
Child Sexual Abuse”.

(b) The purposes of the task force are to:

(1) Gather information concerning the prevalence of child sexual
abuse throughout Arkansas;

(2) Receive reports and testimony from individuals, state and
local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private
organizations;

(3) Make recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the
House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
State Board of Education concerning evidence-based ways to prevent child
sexual abuse through education; and

(4) Make recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the
House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the
State Board of Education regarding curricula directed at preventing child
sexual abuse through education.

(c) The task force shall consist of:
   (1) The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee;
   (2) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services
       of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;
   (3) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or
       his or her designee;
   (4) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;
   (5) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
       Representatives;
   (6) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
       Senate;
   (7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of
       Educational Administrators, or his or her designee;
   (8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards
       Association, or his or her designee;
   (9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education
       Association, or his or her designee;
   (10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Education
       Association, or his or her designee;
   (11) A representative from Arkansas Advocates for Children and
       Families;
   (12) A representative from Arkansas Children's Hospital;
   (13) A representative from the State Child Abuse and Neglect
       Prevention Board;
   (14) A representative from the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys
       Association;
   (15) A representative from the Arkansas Commission on Rape/Child
       Abuse/Domestic Violence;
       (16) A representative from the Arkansas State CASA Association;
       and
       (17) A representative of children’s advocacy centers.
   (d)(1) The chair of the task force shall be elected by majority vote
       at the first meeting of the task force.
   (2) All changes in task force chairmanship shall be decided by
majority vote of the task force.

(e)(1) The task force shall meet at the times and places that the
chair deems necessary but not less than four (4) times per year.

(2) A simple majority of members of the task force shall
constitute a quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

(3) All actions of the task force are by quorum.

(f) The Department of Education shall staff the task force.

(g) All members of the task force may receive expense reimbursement as
provided under § 25-16-902 to be paid by the Department of Education if funds
are available.

(h)(1) By October 1, 2014, the chair of the task force shall provide a
report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the State Board of Education.

(2) The report shall identify:

(A) Findings of the task force concerning the prevalence
of child sexual abuse in Arkansas;

(B) Recommendations of the task force toward adopting and
implementing age-appropriate curricula for students in kindergarten through
grade five (K-5) concerning child sexual abuse prevention;

(C) Recommendations of the task force concerning the
training of licensed and classified school personnel on the prevention and
detection of child sexual abuse;

(D) Recommendations of the task force concerning the
training of parents and guardians on the warning signs of child sexual abuse;

(E) Recommendations for the publication of counseling,
assistance, services, and other resources for students affected by child
sexual abuse; and

(F) Recommendations of the task force for the emotional
and educational support for a victim of child sexual abuse.

(i) The task force shall expire on May 1, 2015.

/s/Baine

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