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A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

HOUSE BILL 1131

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6 R. Green, Hardy, Harrelson, Medley, Ragland, Reep, J. Roebuck, Webb  
7 By: Senators Faris, Whitaker, J. Jeffress, Broadway, *Salmon*

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10 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

11 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE *TASK*  
12 *FORCE* ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.

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15 **Subtitle**

16 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS  
17 LEGISLATIVE *TASK FORCE* ON TRAUMATIC  
18 BRAIN INJURY.

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

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23 SECTION 1. Purpose.

24 The purposes of this act are:

25 (1) To study the rates and severity of traumatic brain injuries  
26 in Arkansas;

27 (2) To project the incidence of traumatic brain injuries over  
28 the next ten (10) years;

29 (3) To develop a strategic statewide plan to ensure an  
30 appropriately prepared workforce to treat traumatic brain injuries and  
31 provide for rehabilitation services to the extent possible; and

32 (4) To convene stakeholders from health care providers, the  
33 health care industry, business, the legislature, and the public.

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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Traumatic Brain Injury.



1           (a) There is established the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on  
2 Traumatic Brain Injury to be composed of the following members:

3           (1) As voting members:

4           (A) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on  
5 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;

6           (B) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on  
7 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;

8           (C) The President of the Arkansas Hospital Association or  
9 the president's designee;

10           (D) One (1) member who shall represent the Section of  
11 Emergency Medical Services of the Division of Health of the Department of  
12 Health and Human Services; and

13           (E) Twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor, as  
14 follows:

15           (i) Three (3) members, at least one (1) of whom  
16 shall be actively involved as a caregiver to a family member, who shall  
17 represent consumers from a list of nine (9) provided by the Brain Injury  
18 Association of Arkansas;

19           (ii) One (1) licensed physician member intimately  
20 familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the  
21 Arkansas Medical Society;

22           (iii) One (1) licensed registered nurse member  
23 intimately familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3)  
24 provided by the Arkansas Nurses Association;

25           (iv) One (1) licensed psychologist member intimately  
26 familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the  
27 Arkansas Psychology Board;

28           (v) One (1) member intimately familiar with  
29 traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the Arkansas  
30 State Board of Physical Therapy;

31           (vi) One (1) member intimately familiar with  
32 traumatic brain injury to represent occupational therapists from a list of  
33 three (3) provided by the State Medical Board;

34           (vii) One (1) member intimately familiar with  
35 traumatic brain injury to represent speech-language pathologists from a list  
36 of three (3) provided by the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology

1 and Audiology;

2 (viii) One (1) member who shall represent the  
3 Arkansas Ambulance Association;

4 (ix) One (1) member who shall represent Baptist  
5 Health Rehabilitation Institute;

6 (x) One (1) member who shall represent Timber Ridge  
7 Ranch NeuroRehabilitation Center; and

8 (xi) One (1) member who shall represent Easter Seals'  
9 Children's Rehabilitation Center; and

10 (2) As nonvoting members:

11 (A) The President of the State Medical Board or the  
12 president's designee;

13 (B) The President of the State Board of Nursing or the  
14 president's designee;

15 (C) The President of the Arkansas Healthcare Association  
16 or the president's designee;

17 (D) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's  
18 designee;

19 (E) The Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation  
20 Services of the Department of Workforce Education or the commissioner's  
21 designee;

22 (F) The President of the HomeCare Association of Arkansas  
23 or the president's designee;

24 (G) One (1) member who shall represent the College of  
25 Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be named  
26 by the Dean of the College of Public Health; and

27 (H) The Chief of the Injury Prevention Branch of the  
28 Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

29 (b) The task force shall:

30 (1) Receive staff and clerical support from the Legislative  
31 Council; and

32 (2) Report its findings and strategic plan for meeting the  
33 traumatic brain injury needs of the state to the Legislative Council by  
34 November 1, 2008.

35 (c) The task force shall expire on June 30, 2009.

36 (d) The task force shall select a chair from its legislative

1 membership.

2 (e)(1) A majority of the membership of the task force shall constitute  
3 a quorum.

4 (2) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for  
5 any action of the task force.

6 (f) Vacancies on the task force due to death, resignation, or other  
7 causes shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in this act for  
8 initial appointments.

9 (g) Task force meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and  
10 at other locations in the state as the task force shall deem necessary.

11 (h) Legislative members shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
12 expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided  
13 by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim  
14 committees.

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16 /s/ S. Prater

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