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HOUSE BILL 2159

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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO
10 REVIEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEX
11 OFFENDERS ON PROBATION OR PAROLE; TO REVIEW OTHER
12 ISSUES REGARDING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.
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16 **Subtitle**

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18 REVIEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR AND OTHER
19 ISSUES REGARDING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS
20 ON PROBATION OR PAROLE.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Creation.

26 (a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force for Review of
27 Travel Restrictions For Sex Offenders.

28 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

29 (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

30 (2) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary or the chair's
31 designee;

32 (3) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary or the
33 chair's designee;

34 (4) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth or
35 the chair's designee;

36 (5) The Chair of the House Committee on Aging, Children and



1 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs or the chair's designee;

2 (6) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services
3 of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

4 (7) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the
5 Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

6 (8) The Director of the Division of Youth Services of the
7 Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

8 (9) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or
9 the director's designee;

10 (10) The Chair of the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice or
11 the chair's designee;

12 (11) A sheriff appointed by the President of the Arkansas
13 Sheriffs' Association and a chief of police appointed by the President of the
14 Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police;

15 (12) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or
16 the director's designee;

17 (13) The Chair of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
18 Board or the chair's designee;

19 (14) One (1) member of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic
20 Violence Commission appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas
21 for Medical Sciences;

22 (15) A public defender who regularly appears in a circuit court
23 in the State of Arkansas appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Public
24 Defender Commission;

25 (16) A prosecutor who regularly appears in a circuit court in
26 the State of Arkansas appointed by the Prosecutor Coordinator;

27 (17) An attorney ad litem appointed by the Director of the
28 Administrative Office of the Courts;

29 (18) Two (2) members with specialized knowledge, skills, or
30 experience in the area of criminal law concerning sex offenses to be
31 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

32 (19) Two (2) members with specialized knowledge, skills, or
33 experience in the area of criminal law concerning sex offenses to be
34 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

35 (20) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or
36 the director's designee.

1 (c)(1) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary or the chair's
2 designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of the
3 effective date of this act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

4 (2) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect from its
5 membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction of its
6 business.

7 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings at the State
8 Capitol.

9 (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every
10 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

11 (d) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be
12 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

13 (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
14 its business.

15 (f) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may
16 receive expense reimbursement according to § 25-16-902 if an appropriation is
17 made for that purpose and funds are available.

18 (g) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum
19 for transacting any business of the task force.

20 (h) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
21 task force.

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23 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Duties.

24 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force for Review of Travel
25 Restrictions For Sex Offenders shall:

26 (1) Examine how the State of Arkansas monitors and tracks
27 registered sex offenders within its borders as well as registered sex
28 offenders who travel to or through Arkansas from another state;

29 (2) Determine the best practices to monitor and track the travel
30 of registered sex offenders by conducting national research or by using other
31 methods;

32 (3) Recommend more efficient methods of distributing and
33 spending limited public moneys to prevent improper or illegal travel by
34 registered sex offenders;

35 (4) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the
36 law in the form of bill drafts that will enable law enforcement to monitor

1 and track the travel of registered sex offenders in the State of Arkansas;
2 and

3 (5) Provide the Legislative Council with a written explanation
4 of the recommended legislative changes.

5 (b) The task force shall make its final report and recommendations for
6 proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later than October 1,
7 2014.

8 (c) The task force is dissolved on June 30, 2015.

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