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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

11 TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Task Force on Economic
20 Development – Creation.

21 (a) There is established a legislative task force to be known as the
22 “Legislative Task Force on Economic Development”.

23 (b) The task force shall be composed of the following seventeen (17)
24 members:

25 (1) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
26 the Senate as follows:

27 (A) Two (2) members of the Senate, one (1) of whom shall
28 be appointed to serve as cochair of the task force;

29 (B) One (1) representative of the transportation industry
30 in the state;

31 (C) One (1) owner or operator of a manufacturing business
32 located in the state; and

33 (D) One (1) owner or operator of a utility located in the
34 state;

35 (2) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
36 Representatives as follows:



1 (A) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives, one
 2 (1) of whom shall be appointed to serve as cochair of the task force;

3 (B) One (1) representative of the financial industry in
 4 the state;

5 (C) One (1) owner or operator of a retail business located
 6 in the state; and

7 (D) One (1) owner or operator of a manufacturing business
 8 located in the state;

9 (3) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

10 (A) One (1) representative of the Governor's office;

11 (B) One (1) representative of four-year colleges and
 12 universities in the state; and

13 (C) One (1) representative of two-year colleges in the
 14 state;

15 (4) The President of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce or
 16 his or her designee;

17 (5) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development
 18 Commission or his or her designee;

19 (6) The President of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority
 20 or his or her designee; and

21 (7) The President of the Arkansas World Trade Center or his or
 22 her designee.

23 (c) The task force shall:

24 (1) Meet at a location within the state at the call of the
 25 cochairs; and

26 (2) Establish rules and procedures for conducting the business
 27 of the task force.

28 (d) Legislative members of the task force are entitled to per diem and
 29 mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of
 30 interim committees of the General Assembly.

31 (e) The task force shall receive staff support from the Bureau of
 32 Legislative Research.

33 (f) Vacancies on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as
 34 provided for the initial appointment.

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 36 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Duties.

1 The Legislative Task Force on Economic Development shall:

2 (1) Perform a detailed and comprehensive study of the strengths
3 and weaknesses of the state with respect to attracting and maintaining
4 businesses and manufacturers that promote economic development;

5 (2) Develop a comprehensive plan for increasing the state's
6 ability to attract and maintain businesses and manufacturers that promote
7 economic development;

8 (3) Seek input and gather information from appropriate sources
9 to enable the task force to fulfill its duties under this section; and

10 (4) Report the written findings and recommendations of the task
11 force to the Legislative Council and the Governor on or before January 15,
12 2016.

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14 SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Expiration.

15 The Legislative Task Force on Economic Development shall expire on
16 January 31, 2016.