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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2132

5 By: Representative Rushing  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
9 ACT TASK FORCE IN ORDER TO EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND  
10 CHANGES TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS FREEDOM OF  
16 INFORMATION ACT TASK FORCE IN ORDER TO  
17 EVALUATE AND RECOMMEND CHANGES TO THE  
18 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OF 1967.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 25, Chapter 19, Subchapter 1, is*  
24 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

25 *25-19-111. Arkansas Freedom of Information Task Force.*

26 *(a)(1) There is created the Arkansas Freedom of Information Task Force*  
27 *for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, and approving proposed amendments*  
28 *to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.*

29 *(2) No later than the first day of November in each even-*  
30 *numbered year preceding a regular legislative session, the task force shall:*

31 *(A) Complete a study of proposed exemptions from or*  
32 *additions to the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.; and*

33 *(B) Report to the General Assembly its recommendations*  
34 *concerning proposed exemptions from or additions to the Arkansas Freedom of*  
35 *Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.*

36 *(b)(1) The task force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:*



1 (A) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;

2 (B) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore  
3 of the Senate;

4 (C) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House  
5 of Representatives;

6 (D) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Press  
7 Association;

8 (E) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Freedom of  
9 Information Coalition;

10 (F) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Pro chapter  
11 of the Society of Professional Journalists;

12 (G) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Broadcasters  
13 Association;

14 (H) One (1) member appointed by the Association of  
15 Arkansas Counties; and

16 (I) One (1) member appointed by the Arkansas Municipal  
17 League.

18 (2)(A) Each member of the task force shall serve a term of four  
19 (4) years.

20 (B) A member of the task force shall not serve more than  
21 two (2) terms.

22 (3) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the manner of  
23 the original appointment.

24 (4) The task force shall elect from its membership:

25 (A) A chair; and

26 (B) Other officers deemed necessary by the task force.

27 (c)(1) Five (5) members of the task force shall constitute a quorum  
28 for the purpose of transacting business.

29 (2) A majority vote of the total membership of the task force is  
30 required for any action of the task force.

31 (d) The members of the task force shall meet at their own expense and  
32 shall not be entitled to reimbursement for mileage or per diem.

33 (e)(1) The initial members of the task force shall be appointed within  
34 thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

35 (2)(A) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall call the  
36 first meeting of the task force, which shall occur within sixty (60) days of

1 the effective date of this act.

2 (B) The task force shall begin its review under  
3 subdivision (a)(2)(B) of this section within thirty (30) days of the call of  
4 the first meeting.

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*/s/Rushing*

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