

ARKANSAS SENATE
86th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2007
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1439

"AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASKFORCE FOR THE STUDY OF THE HOMELESS."

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1439.

Amend House Bill No. 1439 as engrossed, S3/5/07 (version: 03-05-2007 14:51):

Delete everything following the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. (a) There is created the Taskforce for the Study of the Homeless.

(b) The taskforce shall be composed of sixteen (16) members as follows:

(1)(A) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Governor.

(B) One (1) of the members appointed by the Governor shall be a member of the faith community;

(2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(4) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

(5) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

(6) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;

(7) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;

(8) The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(9) The Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(10) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;

(11) The Director of the Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee; and

(12) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or his or her designee.

(c) The terms of the members of the taskforce shall expire on December 31, 2008.



(d) If a vacancy occurs on the taskforce, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as provided in the initial appointment.

(e) A chair shall be selected by the members of the taskforce.

(f) The chair shall call the first meeting, which shall be held no later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

(g) The taskforce shall meet no less than quarterly at dates to be determined by the chair.

(h) The members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation and shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.

(i) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of Legislative Research.

SECTION 2. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. (a) The taskforce shall:

(1) Collect data to determine the approximate number of homeless persons within the state;

(2) Collect information to ascertain the reasons for becoming homeless;

(3) Assess the needs of the homeless within the state;

(4) Survey the current resources for services for the homeless;

(5) Evaluate the current and future needs for these services;

(6) Determine the programs and services needed to find jobs and homes for the homeless, to provide health care and mental health care to the homeless, to provide rehabilitation services to the homeless who suffer from substance abuse, and to provide the education needed to reduce the number of homeless persons; and

(7) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent of this act.

(b)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be submitted to the Legislative Council, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(2) The taskforce shall make its final report along with any recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later than October 1, 2008."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Faris

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Secretary