

ARKANSAS SENATE
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 801

"TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FUNDING OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF
THE STATE OF ARKANSAS."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 801.

Amend Senate Bill No. 801 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives J. Edwards, G. Smith as cosponsors of the bill

Delete Section 1 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Creation of task force.

(a) There is created the Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the
Judicial System.

(b) The task force shall consist of the following seven (7) members:

(1) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the
President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

(2) One (1) member of the House of Representatives to be
appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(3) One (1) member representing the Association of Arkansas
Counties to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Association of
Arkansas Counties;

(4) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League to
be appointed by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Municipal League;

(5) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Bar Association to
be appointed by the President of the Arkansas Bar Association;

(6) A member of the Governor's staff designated by the Governor;

(7) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court or his or
her designee.

(c) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
by the same process as the original appointment.

(d) The members of the task force shall select a chair from their
membership.

(e) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

(f) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation;
however,

(1) Legislative members of the task force shall be entitled to
receive reimbursement for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the
same source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending



meetings of interim committees; and

(2) Non-legislative members of the task force may be entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses from funds available for that purpose to the state agency, association, or other entity they represent, at the discretion of the Director of the state agency, association or other entity they represent.

(g)(1) The task force may appoint and organize working groups including non-task force members to study various topics as assigned by the task force and to report their findings to the task force.

(2) The members of any working groups shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses from funds available for that purpose to the state agency, association, or other entity they represent, at the discretion of the Director of the state agency, association or other entity they represent.

(h) The Bureau of Legislative Research, the Division of Legislative Audit, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the Auditor of State may, if requested, provide administrative support, staff, research assistance, and data as requested by the task force from funds available for that purpose, in the discretion of the Director of the agency.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Duties of the Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the Judicial System.

The Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the Judicial System shall study:

(1) The current methods and adequacy of funding of the judicial system;

(2) Potential revenue sources for funding the judicial system;

(3) Adequacy of facilities, equipment, support staff and support services provided to the judicial system;

(4) Sharing of costs of the judicial system between state and local governments;

(5) Other issues as the task force may determine to be relevant.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Report of findings and expiration of task force.

(a) The Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the Judicial System shall report its findings and its recommendations for proposed legislation, if any, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee by October 1, 2010.

(b) The task force shall cease to exist effective December 31, 2010.

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

By: Senator Luker

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Secretary