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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY TASK  
FORCE TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE GROWING AND COMPLEX  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the Commission on Arkansas Probation, Parole and Sentencing Guidelines issued their final report to the Governor January 1989; and

WHEREAS, in such report the Commission acknowledged the need for continued study of several issues which were brought to the attention of the Commission but due to time constraints, the Commission was unable to see through to a final resolution; and

WHEREAS, during the course of the Commission's work, it became readily apparent that there exists a lack of communication between the various components of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the criminal justice system is an ever growing system with increasing complexities affecting not only judges, lawyers, prosecutors, law enforcement officers and probation officers but all citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, a small number of persons representative of the components of the criminal justice system to assist in the development of lines of communication in the criminal justice system and to continue efforts to advise the Governor and Arkansas General Assembly on required legislation and funding issues would be of great benefit for the state; and

WHEREAS, a task force of this type could be of invaluable assistance to any committee appointed in the future with the task of updating and revising

the criminal laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, no more than eight persons representing the Arkansas Senate, Arkansas House of Representatives, Prosecuting Attorney's Association, Arkansas Crime Information Center, Arkansas State Police, and Arkansas Judicial Council, and other members of the criminal justice network, assisted by one paid staff person to conduct research and analysis, should be appointed by the Governor to comprise this task force;

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

That a Criminal Justice Policy Task Force comprised of no more than eight members, six representative of the criminal justice system and one each from the Arkansas Senate and House of Representatives, be appointed by the Governor who shall, with the assistance of one paid staff member, study the various aspects of the complex criminal justice system for the purpose of advising the Governor and the Arkansas General Assembly concerning legislative and funding issues affected by the increasing demands on the state's criminal justice system.