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4 By: Representatives Madison and McKissack

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2141

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS ISSUES RELATED  
9 TO THE EDUCATION OF MEDICALLY FRAGILE, CHRONICALLY ILL,  
10 AND/OR TECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "CREATES A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE  
15 ISSUES RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OF  
16 STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS OR WHO  
17 ARE TECHNOLOGY DEPENDENT."

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21 *SECTION 1. The Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education*  
22 *Division, shall convene a task force to address issues related to the*  
23 *education of medically fragile, chronically ill, and/or technology dependent*  
24 *public school students. The task force shall be made up of public school*  
25 *personnel, including school and program administrators, school health service*  
26 *providers, regular and special education classroom teachers, and health care*  
27 *providers, including physicians and nursing personnel.*

29 *SECTION 2. (a) The task force shall, as a minimum:*

30 *(1) Develop a written resource guide for local school district*  
31 *development of policy and procedures addressing risk management and liability*  
32 *issues relative to these students; and*

33 *(2) Design a training program to assist local districts in the*  
34 *actual development and implementation of policies and procedures.*

35 *(b) Local school districts shall be required to develop such policies*

1 and procedures by the beginning of the 1996-1997 school year. Regular and  
2 special education teachers shall be involved in the development of these  
3 policies and procedures.

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5 SECTION 3. (a) The task force shall also, as a minimum:

6 (1) Determine and recommend to the State Board of Education  
7 rules and regulations identifying the appropriate role and responsibility of  
8 public school employees, including certified, classified and school health  
9 service personnel and that of medical personnel in the provision of services  
10 to these students; and

11 (2) Determine and make recommendations to the State Board of  
12 Education rules and regulations on what facilities and support services are  
13 necessary to meet the needs of these students.

14 (b) The State Board shall adopt such rules and regulations as it  
15 deems necessary by the beginning of the 1996-1997 school year.

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17 SECTION 4. The task force shall report periodically to the Joint  
18 Interim Committee on Education the results of its work. An initial report  
19 shall be made no later than October of 1995.

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21 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent  
22 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
23 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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25 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
26 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
27 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
28 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
29 act are declared to be severable.

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31 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
32 hereby repealed.

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*/s/Rep. Madison, et al*

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