

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2529

By: Representative T. Steele

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED DIVISIONS OF
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF ALCOHOL AND
DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMBINED DIVISIONS OF
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND BUREAU OF
ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The General Assembly finds that the Division of Mental Health Services of the Department of Human Services and the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention of the Department of Health would operate more effectively if combined within a single organizational structure.

(b) There is created a Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention to study and make recommendations on the most effective and efficient organizational structure to house a combined Division of Mental Health Services and Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention.

(c)(1) Six (6) months after the effective date of this act, and quarterly thereafter, the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention shall provide reports to the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor detailing progress toward submitting a final recommendation.

(2) The Task Force shall submit its final recommendations to the

1 chairpersons of the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,
2 Welfare, and Labor and to the directors of the Department of Human Services
3 and the Department of Health on or before March 1, 2002.

4 (d) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse
5 Prevention shall be comprised of seven (7) members to include the Directors of
6 the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services, one (1) member
7 appointed by the Governor, two (2) members appointed by the House chair of the
8 House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor, and
9 two (2) members appointed by the Senate chair of the House and Senate Interim
10 Committees on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

11 (e) The Department of Human Services and the Department of Health shall
12 cooperate with the Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse
13 Prevention and shall provide the Task Force with such reasonable assistance
14 and resources as the Task Force determines is necessary to complete its work.

15 (f)(1) Unless otherwise amended, the provisions of this subchapter
16 shall remain in effect until June 30, 2003.

17 (2) The Task Force on Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Abuse
18 Prevention is abolished effective June 30, 2003.

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