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A Bill

SENATE BILL 904

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
PREVENTION TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBE ITS FUNCTIONS
AND DUTIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ESTABLISH THE DRUG ABUSE AND VIOLENCE
PREVENTION TASK FORCE AND PRESCRIBE ITS
FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES.

WHEREAS, Arkansas has made significant progress in reducing social, health and safety problems linked to substance abuse, yet these problems continue to cause considerable human suffering, economic burdens and social problems; and

WHEREAS, the youth of our state continue to be subjected at early ages to pressures from new drugs, new addicts and new distributors of illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, it is nationally recognized that the total cost to society of alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances is over two billion dollars annually which exceeds the amount spent for all K-12 education programs; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that drug abuse prevention and violence prevention be continuously taught to all Arkansas youth,

NOW THEREFORE,

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the Arkansas Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force which shall be composed of eight (8) members

1 to be selected as follows:

2 One (1) representative of the Governor's office, to be designated by
3 the Governor;

4 One (1) representative of the Department of Health, to be designated by
5 the Director of the Department of Health;

6 One (1) representative of the Department of Education, to be designated
7 by the Director of the Department of Education;

8 One (1) representative of the Department of Human Services, to be
9 designated by the Director of the Department of Human Services;

10 One (1) representative of the Office of Attorney General, to be
11 designated by the Attorney General;

12 One (1) representative of the Arkansas Alcohol and Drug Abuse
13 Coordinating Council, to be designated by the Council;

14 One (1) member to be designated by the President Pro Tempore of the
15 Senate; and

16 One (1) member to be designated by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives.

18 The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.
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20 SECTION 2. The Arkansas Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Task Force
21 shall develop a model coordinated, comprehensive and cumulative curriculum
22 for teaching drug abuse prevention and violence prevention in grades K-12 in
23 the public schools.

24 The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the
25 Governor and the Legislative Council on or before March 1, 2002, and shall
26 cease to exist on that date.
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28 SECTION 3. Necessary staff assistance to the task force shall be
29 provided by one or more of the agencies represented on the task force, as may
30 be agreed upon by the individuals designating members of the task force.
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