1   State of Arkansas

2   85th General Assembly

A Bill

3   Regular Session, 2005   SENATE BILL 1030

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5   By: Senator Malone

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8   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9   AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK

10   FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN; TO

11   APPOINT ITS MEMBERS, AND TO DESCRIBE ITS MISSION

12   AND RESPONSIBILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

15   THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON

16   ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

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

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21   SECTION 1.   The purpose of this act is to create the Arkansas Task

22   Force on Abused and Neglected Children.

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24   SECTION 2.   The Arkansas Task Force on Abused and Neglected Children

25   shall:

26   (1) Examine how Arkansas responds to child abuse and neglect

27   with a focus on the following main areas using a child-centered approach:

28   (A) Reporting, investigating, and multidisciplinary

29   cooperation;

30   (B) Legal advocacy for children in courts;

31   (C) Foster care and adoption;

32   (D) Training and workforce needs;

33   (E) Criminal justice and public safety;

34   (F) Neglect and family support; and

35   (G) Accountability;

36   (2) Determine the best practices to prevent child abuse and

1   neglect and to improve child welfare by conducting national research;

2   (3) Recommend more efficient methods of distributing and

3   spending limited public moneys to prevent child abuse and neglect and to

4   improve child welfare;

5   (4) Recommend how to obtain more federal funds to prevent child

6   abuse and neglect and to improve child welfare;

7   (5) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the

8   law that will improve child safety and welfare in the State of Arkansas in

9   the form of bill drafts; and

10   (6) Provide the legislature with a written explanation of the

11   recommended legislative changes.

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