

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.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 974

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5 By: Senator Hendren
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 DESEGREGATION LAWSUIT RESOLUTION TASK FORCE; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC
15 SCHOOL DESEGREGATION LAWSUIT RESOLUTION
16 TASK FORCE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. (a)(1) There is established a legislative task force to be
22 known as the "Arkansas Public School Desegregation Lawsuit Resolution Task
23 Force".

24 (b) The task force shall consist of ten (10) members as follows:

25 (1) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
26 the Senate as follows:

27 (A) One (1) member of the Arkansas Senate from each of the
28 four (4) congressional districts in the state; and

29 (B) One (1) member of the Arkansas Senate who is a member
30 of a minority political party; and

31 (2) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
32 Representatives as follows:

33 (A) One (1) member of the Arkansas House of
34 Representatives from each of the four (4) congressional districts in the
35 state; and

36 (B) One (1) member of the Arkansas House of



1 Representatives who is a member of a minority political party.

2 (c) The members of the minority party shall serve as cochair
3 of the task force.

4 (d) The task force shall:

5 (1) Study methods of bringing a final resolution to
6 desegregation litigation and related matters involving the state;

7 (2) Hire and direct attorneys or other experts as may be
8 necessary to represent the General Assembly or other parties and to
9 facilitate a final resolution of desegregation litigation and related matters
10 involving the state; and

11 (3) Make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the
12 resolution of desegregation litigation and related matters involving the
13 state.

14 (e) The working papers, legal consultations, and reports of the task
15 force, staff of the task force, and any attorney or expert working for the
16 task force shall be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act of 1967, § 25-
17 19-101 et seq., and public meetings requirements under Arkansas law.

18 (f)(1) The Department of Education, the Attorney General, and school
19 districts shall provide the task force with assistance or information as
20 requested by the task force.

21 (2) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff to
22 the task force.

23 (g)(1) The task force may contract with individuals or entities to
24 conduct the study or legal work of the task force.

25 (2) The expenses of the task force shall be paid by the Bureau
26 of Legislative Research from the Interim Task Force Study Expenses
27 appropriation.

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