

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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As Engrossed: S4/1/05  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 974

5 By: Senator Hendren  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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. Arkansas Code Title 10, Chapter 3, Subchapter 15 is amended*  
22 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *10-3-1505. Arkansas Public School Desegregation Lawsuit Resolution*  
24 *Task Force.*

25 *(a) There is established a legislative task force to be known as the*  
26 *“Arkansas Public School Desegregation Lawsuit Resolution Task Force” to serve*  
27 *with the members of the Desegregation Litigation Oversight Subcommittee*  
28 *created under this subchapter.*

29 *(b) The task force shall consist of the members of the Desegregation*  
30 *Litigation Oversight Subcommittee and ten (10) members as follows:*

31 *(1) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of*  
32 *the Senate as follows:*

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

35 *(B) One (1) member of the Arkansas Senate who is a member*  
36 *of a minority political party; and*



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

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

6 (B) One (1) member of the Arkansas House of  
7 Representatives who is a member of a minority political party.

8 (c) The task force shall:

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

11 (2) Hire and direct experts as may be necessary to facilitate a  
12 final resolution of desegregation litigation and related matters involving  
13 the state; and

14 (3) Make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the  
15 resolution of desegregation litigation and related matters involving the  
16 state.

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

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

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

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

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28 /s/ Hendren  
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