

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 1131

5 By: Representatives S. Prater, Adcock, Rosenbaum, George, Wood
6 By: Senators Faris, Whitaker, J. Jeffress, Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE
11 COMMISSION ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 BRAIN INJURY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Purpose.

23 The purposes of this act are:

24 (1) To study the rates and severity of traumatic brain injuries
25 in Arkansas;

26 (2) To project the incidence of traumatic brain injuries over
27 the next ten (10) years;

28 (3) To develop a strategic statewide plan to ensure an
29 appropriately prepared workforce to treat traumatic brain injuries and
30 provide for rehabilitation services to the extent possible; and

31 (4) To convene stakeholders from health care providers, the
32 health care industry, business, the legislature, and the public.
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SECTION 2. Arkansas Legislative Commission on Traumatic Brain Injury.

35 (a) There is established the Arkansas Legislative Commission on
36 Traumatic Brain Injury to be composed of the following members:



1 (1) As voting members:

2 (A) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on
 3 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;

4 (B) One (1) member of the Senate Interim Committee on
 5 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;

6 (C) The President of the Arkansas Hospital Association or
 7 the president's designee;

8 (D) One (1) member who shall represent the Section of
 9 Emergency Medical Services of the Division of Health of the Department of
 10 Health and Human Services; and

11 (E) Twelve (12) members appointed by the Governor, as
 12 follows:

13 (i) Three (3) members, at least one (1) of whom
 14 shall be actively involved as a caregiver to a family member, who shall
 15 represent consumers from a list of nine (9) provided by the Brain Injury
 16 Association of Arkansas;

17 (ii) One (1) licensed physician member intimately
 18 familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the
 19 Arkansas Medical Society;

20 (iii) One (1) licensed registered nurse member
 21 intimately familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3)
 22 provided by the Arkansas Nurses Association;

23 (iv) One (1) licensed psychologist member intimately
 24 familiar with traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the
 25 Arkansas Psychology Board;

26 (v) One (1) member intimately familiar with
 27 traumatic brain injury from a list of three (3) provided by the Arkansas
 28 State Board of Physical Therapy;

29 (vi) One (1) member intimately familiar with
 30 traumatic brain injury to represent occupational therapists from a list of
 31 three (3) provided by the State Medical Board;

32 (vii) One (1) member intimately familiar with
 33 traumatic brain injury to represent speech-language pathologists from a list
 34 of three (3) provided by the Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology
 35 and Audiology;

36 (viii) One (1) member who shall represent the

1 Arkansas Ambulance Association;

2 (ix) One (1) member who shall represent Baptist
3 Health Rehabilitation Institute; and

4 (x) One (1) member who shall represent Timber Ridge
5 Ranch NeuroRehabilitation Center; and

6 (2) As nonvoting members:

7 (A) The President of the State Medical Board or the
8 president's designee;

9 (B) The President of the State Board of Nursing or the
10 president's designee;

11 (C) The President of the Arkansas Healthcare Association
12 or the president's designee;

13 (D) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
14 designee;

15 (E) The Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation
16 Services of the Department of Workforce Education or the commissioner's
17 designee;

18 (F) The President of the HomeCare Association of Arkansas
19 or the president's designee;

20 (G) One (1) member who shall represent the College of
21 Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be named
22 by the Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management of the College
23 of Public Health; and

24 (H) The Chief of the Injury Prevention Branch of the
25 Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

26 (b) The commission shall:

27 (1) Receive staff and clerical support from the Legislative
28 Council; and

29 (2) Report its findings and strategic plan for meeting the
30 traumatic brain injury needs of the state to the Legislative Council by
31 November 1, 2008.

32 (c) The commission shall expire on June 30, 2009.

33 (d) The commission shall select a chair from its legislative
34 membership.

35 (e)(1) A majority of the membership of the commission shall constitute
36 a quorum.

1 (2) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for
2 any action of the commission.

3 (f) Vacancies on the commission due to death, resignation, or other
4 causes shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in this act for
5 initial appointments.

6 (g) Commission meetings shall be held in Pulaski County, Arkansas, and
7 at other locations in the state as the commission shall deem necessary.

8 (h) Legislative members shall be entitled to reimbursement for
9 expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided
10 by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim
11 committees.

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