

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

15 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS  
16 LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON TRAUMATIC  
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 Dean of the College of Public Health; and

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

25 (b) The commission shall:

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

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

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

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

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

36 (2) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for

1 any action of the commission.

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

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

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

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