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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1131

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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE *TASK*
12 *FORCE* ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS
17 LEGISLATIVE *TASK FORCE* ON TRAUMATIC
18 BRAIN INJURY.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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SECTION 1. Purpose.

24 The purposes of this act are:

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

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

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

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

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

2 (1) As voting members:

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

5 (B) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on
6 Public Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (viii) One (1) member who shall represent the
2 Arkansas Ambulance Association;

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

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

7 (xi) One (1) member who shall represent Easter Seals'
8 Children's Rehabilitation Center; and

9 (2) As nonvoting members:

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

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

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

16 (D) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's
17 designee;

18 (E) The Commissioner of the Arkansas Rehabilitation
19 Services of the Department of Workforce Education or the commissioner's
20 designee;

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

23 (G) One (1) member who shall represent the College of
24 Public Health of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to be named
25 by the Dean of the College of Public Health; and

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

28 (b) The task force shall:

29 (1) Receive staff and clerical support from the Legislative
30 Council; and

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

34 (c) The task force shall expire on June 30, 2009.

35 (d) The task force shall select a chair from its legislative
36 membership.

