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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2	86th General Assembly	A DIII		1 4 2 0	
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5	By: Representatives W. Lew	ellen, Blount, Chesterfield, Cook, Rainey, Shelby,	L. Smith		
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7 8		For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASKFORCE FOR THE STUDY OF				
10	THE HOMELESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.				
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12		Subtitle			
13	AN A	CT TO CREATE THE TASKFORCE FOR THE			
14	STUD	Y OF THE HOMELESS.			
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:				
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19	SECTION 1. NOT	TO BE CODIFIED. (a) There is creat	ed the Taskforce		
20	for the Study of the Homeless.				
21	(b) The taskfor	rce shall be composed of twenty-four	(24) members as		
22	follows:				
23	<u>(1)(A)</u> Th	nree (3) members shall be appointed b	by the Governor.		
24	<u>(B)</u>	One (1) of the members appointed by	the Governor sha	<u>all</u>	
25	be a member of the fai	<u>ith community;</u>			
26	<u>(2)</u> Two ((2) members shall be appointed by the	<u>President Pro</u>		
27	Tempore of the Senate;	_			
28		(2) members shall be appointed by the	Speaker of the		
29	House of Representativ				
30		(1) member shall be appointed by the	Chair of the Sena	<u>ate</u>	
	(5) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the House				
	Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;				
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1	Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;		
2	(8) The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services		
3	<u>or his or her designee;</u>		
4	(9) The Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services of		
5	the Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;		
6	(10) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the		
7	Department of Health and Human Services or his or her designee;		
8	(11) The Director of the Division of Health of the Department of		
9	Health and Human Services or his or her designee;		
10	(12) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or his		
11	<u>or her designee;</u>		
12	(13) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Arkansas Chapter		
13	of the National Association for Housing and Redevelopment Officials;		
14	(14) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Arkansas Home		
15	Builders Association; and		
16	(15) One (1) member shall be appointed from each of the six (6)		
17	Continuum of Care organizations serving the homeless in Arkansas.		
18	(c) The task force membership shall consist of at least one (1)		
19	representative from each of the four (4) congressional districts in Arkansas.		
20	(d) The terms of the members of the taskforce shall expire on December		
21	<u>31, 2008.</u>		
22	(e) If a vacancy occurs on the taskforce, a successor shall be		
23	appointed in the same manner as provided in the initial appointment.		
24	(f)(1) The members of the taskforce shall select a chair.		
25	(2) The chair shall not be an elected state official or the head		
26	of a state agency.		
27	(g) The chair shall call the first meeting, which shall be held no		
28	later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.		
29	(h) The taskforce shall meet no less than quarterly at dates to be		
30	determined by the chair.		
31	(i) The members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation and		
32	shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.		
33	(j) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of		
34	Legislative Research.		
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36	SECTION 2. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. (a) The taskforce shall:		

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1	(1) Collect data to determine the approximate number of homeless		
2	persons within the state;		
3	(2) Collect information to ascertain the reasons for becoming		
4	homeless;		
5	(3) Assess the needs of the homeless within the state;		
6	(4) Survey the current resources for services for the homeless;		
7	(5) Evaluate the current and future needs for these services;		
8	(6) Determine the programs and services needed to find jobs and		
9	homes for the homeless, to provide health care and mental health care to the		
10	homeless, to provide rehabilitation services to the homeless who suffer from		
11	substance abuse, and to provide the education needed to reduce the number of		
12	homeless persons; and		
13	(7) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent		
14	of this act.		
15	(b)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be		
16	submitted to the Legislative Council, the President Pro Tempore of the		
17	Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.		
18	(2) The taskforce shall make its final report along with any		
19	recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later		
20	than October 1, 2008.		
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22	/s/ W. Lewellen		
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