

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 1439

5 By: Representatives W. Lewellen, Blount, Chesterfield, Cook, Rainey, Shelby, L. Smith  
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## 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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## Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TASKFORCE FOR THE  
13 STUDY 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 created the Taskforce  
20 for the Study of the Homeless.

21 (b) The taskforce shall be composed of sixteen (16) members as  
22 follows:

23 (1)(A) Three (3) members shall be appointed by the Governor.

24 (B) One (1) of the members appointed by the Governor shall  
25 be a member of the faith community;

26 (2) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the President Pro  
27 Tempore of the Senate;

28 (3) Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
29 House of Representatives;

30 (4) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate  
31 Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

32 (5) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the House  
33 Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

34 (6) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate  
35 Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;

36 (7) One (1) member shall be appointed by the Chair of the House



1 Interim Committee on City, County, and Local Affairs;

2 (8) The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services  
3 or his or her designee;

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; and

10 (12) The Director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs or his  
11 or her designee.

12 (c) The terms of the members of the taskforce shall expire on December  
13 31, 2008.

14 (d) If a vacancy occurs on the taskforce, a successor shall be  
15 appointed in the same manner as provided in the initial appointment.

16 (e) A chair shall be selected by the members of the taskforce.

17 (f) The chair shall call the first meeting, which shall be held no  
18 later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

19 (g) The taskforce shall meet no less than quarterly at dates to be  
20 determined by the chair.

21 (h) The members of the taskforce shall serve without compensation and  
22 shall not receive per diem, mileage, or stipends.

23 (i) The taskforce shall receive staff support from the Bureau of  
24 Legislative Research.

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26 SECTION 2. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. (a) The taskforce shall:

27 (1) Collect data to determine the approximate number of homeless  
28 persons within the state;

29 (2) Collect information to ascertain the reasons for becoming  
30 homeless;

31 (3) Assess the needs of the homeless within the state;

32 (4) Survey the current resources for services for the homeless;

33 (5) Evaluate the current and future needs for these services;

34 (6) Determine the programs and services needed to find jobs and  
35 homes for the homeless, to provide health care and mental health care to the  
36 homeless, to provide rehabilitation services to the homeless who suffer from

1 substance abuse, and to provide the education needed to reduce the number of  
2 homeless persons; and

3 (7) Pursue both public and private funding to further the intent  
4 of this act.

5 (b)(1) The findings and recommendations of the taskforce shall be  
6 submitted to the Legislative Council, the President Pro Tempore of the  
7 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

8 (2) The taskforce shall make its final report along with any  
9 recommendations for proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later  
10 than October 1, 2008.

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12 /s/ W. Lewellen  
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