

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 2739

5 By: Representative D. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON  
10 AUTISM; TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS  
11 MEMBERS; TO DESCRIBE ITS MISSION AND  
12 RESPONSIBILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 FORCE ON AUTISM.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. This act shall be known and may be cited as*  
22 *the "Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism".*  
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24 *SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism –*  
25 *Creation.*

26 *(a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism is created.*

27 *(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:*

28 *(1) One (1) member who is an employee of the Division of Medical*  
29 *Services of the Department of Health and Human Services appointed by the*  
30 *Director of the Department of Health and Human Services;*

31 *(2) One (1) member who is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst*  
32 *appointed by the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology;*

33 *(3) One (1) member to represent Easter Seals appointed by Easter*  
34 *Seals Arkansas;*

35 *(4) The Director of the Division of Disability Services of the*  
36 *Department of Health and Human Services;*



1           (5) The Behavior Intervention Coordinator of the Department of  
2 Education;

3           (6) One (1) member to represent Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue  
4 Shield;

5           (7) One (1) member who is a pediatric physician who regularly  
6 works with autistic patients appointed by the Dennis Developmental Center of  
7 the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Arkansas for Medical  
8 Sciences;

9           (8) One (1) member who is a clinical geneticist appointed by the  
10 University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

11           (9) One (1) member to represent Partners for Inclusive  
12 Communities of the University Centers of Excellence in Developmental  
13 Disabilities of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

14           (10) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Children's  
15 Hospital Research Institute appointed by the Arkansas Children's Hospital;

16           (11) One (1) member who is an attorney who regularly works with  
17 children who have special needs and require special education appointed by  
18 the Arkansas Bar Association;

19           (12) Two (2) members who are parents or guardians of children  
20 with autism appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

21           (13) Two (2) members who are parents or guardians of children  
22 with autism appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

23           (c)(1) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall call the  
24 first meeting within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this  
25 subchapter.

26           (2) At the first meeting, the members of the task force shall  
27 elect from the membership a chair and other officers as needed for the  
28 transaction of its business.

29           (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski  
30 County at the State Capitol.

31           (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every  
32 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

33           (d) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled  
34 by the same process as the original appointment.

35           (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting  
36 its business.

