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.

1	State of Arkansas As En	grossed: H3/19/07
2	86th General Assembly	A Bill
3	Regular Session, 2007	HOUSE BILL 2739
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5	By: Representative D. Johnson	
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8	For An A	Act To Be Entitled
9	AN ACT TO CREATE THE	LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
10	AUTISM; TO PROVIDE F	OR THE APPOINTMENT OF ITS
11	MEMBERS; TO DESCRIBE	ITS MISSION AND
12	RESPONSIBILITIES; AN	D FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14		Subtitle
15	AN ACT TO CREATE	THE LEGISLATIVE TASK
16	FORCE ON AUTISM.	
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEM	BLY 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 For	<u>ce on Autism".</u>
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24	SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY.	Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism —
25	Creation.	
26	(a) The Arkansas Legislative	e Task Force on Autism is created.
27	(b) The task force shall co	nsist of the following members:
28	(1) One (1) member who	o is an employee of the Division of Medical
29	Services of the Department of Heal	th and Human Services appointed by the
30	Director of the Department of Heal	ch and Human Services;
31	(2) One (1) member who	o 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 t	ne Division of Disability Services of the
36	Department of Health and Human Ser	vices;

Ţ	(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)(l) 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.

1	(f) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a	
2	quorum for transacting any business of the task force.	
3	(g) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the	
4	task force.	
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6	SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism -	
7	<u>Duties.</u>	
8	(a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Autism shall:	
9	(1) Examine how the State of Arkansas responds to autism and	
10	autism spectrum disorders;	
11	(2) Determine the best practices to treat autism and autism	
12	spectrum disorders;	
13	(3) Recommend more efficient methods for treating autism and	
14	autism spectrum disorders;	
15	(4) Recommend how to obtain more federal funds for treating	
16	autism and autism spectrum disorders and providing special education to	
17	children with autism and autism spectrum disorders; and	
18	(5) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the	
19	law that will improve treatment of autism and autism spectrum disorders and	
20	improve the provision of special education to children with autism and autism	
21	spectrum disorders.	
22	(b) On or before August 31, 2008, the task force shall provide the	
23	legislature with a written explanation of the recommended legislative	
24	changes.	
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26	SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. The Arkansas Legislative Task Force on	
27	Autism shall be abolished effective October 1, 2008	
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29	/s/ D. Johnson	
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