

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

SENATE BILL 293

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE TASK  
10 FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN REGARDING  
11 THE MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION, AND EXPENSES; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 FORCE ON ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN  
16 REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP, ORGANIZATION,  
17 AND EXPENSES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 10-3-2302 is amended to read as follows:  
24 10-3-2302. Creation.

25 (a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force on Abused and  
26 Neglected Children.

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

28 (1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

29 (2) The Chair of the House Interim Committee on Public Health,  
30 Welfare, and Labor or the chair's designee;

31 (3) The Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Public Health,  
32 Welfare, and Labor or the chair's designee;

33 (4) The Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Children and  
34 Youth or the chair's designee;

35 (5) The Chair of the House Committee on Aging, Children and  
36 Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs or the chair's designee;



1           (6) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services  
2 of the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee;

3           (7) The Director of the Division of Mental Health Services of  
4 the Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee;

5           (8) The Director of the Division of Youth Services of the  
6 Department of Health and Human Services or the director's designee;

7           (9) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early  
8 Childhood Education of the Department of Health and Human Services or the  
9 director's designee;

10          (10) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or  
11 the director's designee;

12          (11) The Chair of the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice or  
13 the chair's designee;

14          (12) A sheriff to be appointed by the President of the Arkansas  
15 Sheriffs' Association;

16          (13) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or  
17 the director's designee;

18          (14) The Chair of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention  
19 Board or the chair's designee;

20          (15) One (1) member of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic  
21 Violence Commission to be appointed by the Chancellor of the University of  
22 Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

23          (16) A public defender who regularly appears in the juvenile  
24 division of a circuit court in the State of Arkansas to be appointed by the  
25 Director of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission;

26          (17) A prosecutor who regularly appears in the juvenile division  
27 of a circuit court in the State of Arkansas to be appointed by the Prosecutor  
28 Coordinator;

29          (18) An attorney ad litem to be appointed by the Director of the  
30 Administrative Office of the Courts;

31          (19) A physician with special knowledge and experience in the  
32 treatment of children who have been abused or neglected;

33          (20) The Chief of Staff of Arkansas Children's Hospital or his  
34 or her designee;

35          (21) Two (2) members to be appointed by the President Pro  
36 Tempore of the Senate with specialized knowledge, skills, or experience in

1 the area of child welfare or the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

2 (22) Two (2) members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House  
3 of Representatives with specialized knowledge, skills, or experience in the  
4 area of child welfare or the prevention of child abuse and neglect;

5 ~~(23) The Code Revisor of the Bureau of Legislative Research or~~  
6 ~~the revisor's designee; and~~

7 ~~(24) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research or the~~  
8 ~~director's designee.~~

9 (23) Chief Counsel of the Department of Health and Human  
10 Services or his or her designee; and

11 (24) A representative or employee of a child advocacy center in  
12 the state.

13 (c)(1) The Chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Children and Youth  
14 or the chair's designee shall call the first meeting within ~~thirty (30)~~  
15 ninety (90) days of August 12, 2005 the adjournment of the regular session of  
16 the General Assembly and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

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

20 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings in Pulaski  
21 County at the State Capitol unless the chair designates another location in  
22 the state that furthers the business of the task force.

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

25 (d) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be  
26 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

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

29 (f)(1) ~~Members~~ Nonlegislator members of the task force shall serve  
30 without compensation, but may receive expense reimbursement according to §  
31 25-16-902 to the extent that funds are appropriated for that purpose.

32 (2) Legislator members shall be entitled to reimbursement for  
33 per diem and mileage at the same rate and from the same source as provided by  
34 law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim  
35 committees.

36 (3) The task force shall be allowed study expenses for the

1 calling of expert witnesses to testify and related expenses allowed under §  
2 10-3-215 to be paid by the Bureau of Legislative Research from the  
3 appropriation for interim task force study expenses or other available funds.

4 (g) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a  
5 quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

6 (h) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the  
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