

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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SENATE BILL 293

5 By: Senators Malone, *Madison*
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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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18 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) Four (4) members to be appointed by the Governor;

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

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

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

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

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

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.~~

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 may be allowed study expenses for the calling

1 of expert witnesses to testify, if the expenditure is approved by the
2 Legislative Council. If the expenditure is approved, payment shall be made
3 by the Bureau of Legislative Research from the appropriation for interim
4 committee study expenses.

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

7 (h) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff for the
8 task force.

9 (i) The task force shall submit its final report to the House Interim
10 Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor, the Senate Interim Committee
11 on Public Health, Welfare and Labor, the House Interim Committee on Aging,
12 Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs, and the Senate Interim
13 Committee on Children and Youth. The final report shall be submitted no
14 later than November 30, 2008.

15 (j) The task force shall cease to exist on December 31, 2008, and this
16 section shall expire on December 31, 2008.

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18 /s/ Malone
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