

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
2 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1252

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5 By: Representative Everett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS TASK
10 FORCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED AND JUVENILE SERVICES
11 AND TREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY-BASED
15 PROVIDERS TASK FORCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED
16 AND JUVENILE SERVICES AND TREATMENT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1 is amended
22 to add an additional section to read as follows:

23 20-76-114. Task Force on Community-Based Treatment Services.

24 (a) There is created the Task Force on Community-Based Treatment
25 Services.

26 (b) The task force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members as
27 follows:

28 (1) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by
29 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

30 (2) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro
31 Tempore of the Senate;

32 (3) Ten (10) advisory nonlegislative members appointed as
33 follows:

34 (A) One (1) at-large member appointed by the Speaker of
35 the House of Representatives;

36 (B) One (1) at-large member appointed by the President Pro



1 Tempore of the Senate;

2 (C) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the
 3 House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

4 (D) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the
 5 Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

6 (E) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the
 7 House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military
 8 Affairs;

9 (F) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the
 10 Senate Committee on Children and Youth;

11 (G) One (1) member to represent the Division of Youth
 12 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director of the
 13 Department of Human Services;

14 (H) One (1) member to represent the Division of Children
 15 and Family Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the
 16 Director of the Department of Human Services;

17 (I) One (1) member to represent the Division of Behavioral
 18 Health Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director
 19 of the Department of Human Services; and

20 (J) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical
 21 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director of the
 22 Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services; and

23 (4) Seven (7) advisory nonlegislative members as follows:

24 (A) Four (4) members to represent the Arkansas Youth
 25 Service Providers Association appointed by the association;

26 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Sheriffs'
 27 Association appointed by the association;

28 (C) One (1) juvenile judge appointed by the Judicial
 29 Council; and

30 (D) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Advocates for
 31 Children and Families appointed by the entity.

32 (c) The legislative members shall elect a chair and a vice chair.

33 (d) The chair shall call the first meeting no later than thirty (30)
 34 days after the effective date of this act.

35 (e) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for
 36 transacting business.

1 (f)(1) The terms of the legislative members of the task force shall
2 expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year.

3 (2) Advisory members of the task force shall serve at the
4 pleasure of the organizations they represent.

5 (g) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the
6 initial appointment.

7 (h) The task force shall meet as the members deem necessary.

8 (i) The members shall serve without compensation.

9 (j) The task force shall receive staff support from the Bureau of
10 Legislative Research.

11 (k)(1) The task force shall study:

12 (A) The development of community-based programs; and

13 (B) The types of community-based programs that can be
14 developed to further reduce commitments to the Division of Youth Services of
15 the Department of Human Services.

16 (2) On or before September 1 each year, the task force shall
17 present a report of its findings to the House Committee on Aging, Children
18 and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on
19 Children and Youth.

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