

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 2135

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5 By: Representative Williams  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY  
10 ENHANCEMENT ACT; TO ASSIST POSTSECONDARY SCHOOLS IN  
11 PREVENTING, PREPARING FOR, RESPONDING TO, AND  
12 RECOVERING FROM ACTS OF VIOLENCE ON CAMPUS; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 THE ARKANSAS CAMPUS SECURITY ENHANCEMENT  
17 ACT.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. The General Assembly finds that:

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24 (1) Due to recent acts of violence on campuses of institutions  
25 of higher education across the nation and in Arkansas, taking the proper  
26 course of action to ensure the safety and security of students, faculty, and  
27 staff on campuses of institutions of higher education in Arkansas is  
28 essential to the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff; and

29 (2) The creation of a multidisciplinary advisory task force  
30 composed of leaders in education, mental health, public safety, and law  
31 enforcement will:

32 (A) Provide support for designing effective campus  
33 security policies and proactive measures that prevent further acts of  
34 violence on campuses of institutions of higher education in Arkansas; and

35 (B) Help ensure an effective response and recovery system  
36 when those acts of violence occur.



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 2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1 is amended  
 3 to add an additional section to read as follows:

4 6-60-104. Arkansas Safe Campus Security Task Force.

5 (a) There is hereby created a task force to be known as the "Arkansas  
 6 Safe Campus Security Task Force".

7 (b) The task force shall consist of nine (9) members including:

8 (1) The Governor, or his or her designee;

9 (2) The Attorney General, or his or her designee;

10 (3) The Director of the Department of Higher Education, or his  
 11 or her designee;

12 (4) The Director of the Arkansas State Police, or his or her  
 13 designee; and

14 (5) Five (5) members who are appointed by the Governor to  
 15 represent each of the following groups or associations:

16 (A) One (1) member from first responders who are trained  
 17 under National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration standards for  
 18 responding as the first person to the scene of a disaster, accident, or life-  
 19 threatening medical situation;

20 (B) One (1) member from mental health providers who are  
 21 trained in treating the mental and emotional impact on persons involved in a  
 22 disaster, accident, or life-threatening situation;

23 (C) One (1) member from among the campus police of two-  
 24 year institutions of higher education;

25 (D) One (1) member from among the campus police of four-  
 26 year institutions of higher education; and

27 (E) One (1) member from the Arkansas Sheriffs Association.

28 (c) If a vacancy occurs for any reason, the vacancy shall be filled in  
 29 the same manner as the original appointment.

30 (d) The Governor shall appoint the chair of the task force.

31 (e) The task force shall meet upon the call of the chair, but no less  
 32 than quarterly.

33 (f)(A) A quorum is required for any action by the task force.

34 (B) Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum for the  
 35 purpose of transacting the business of the task force.

36 (g) The task force shall:

1           (1) Review the current campus safety and security practices of  
 2 state-supported two-year and four-year institutions of higher education in  
 3 this state and of private institutions of higher education that elect to  
 4 participate in a review; and

5           (2) Develop guidelines and recommendations for best practices  
 6 for developing an inter-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional campus violence  
 7 prevention plan, including the coordination of communication between all  
 8 available campus, local mental health, and first response resources that:

9                   (A) Works in partnership with and include reporting to the  
 10 county or major municipal emergency management official where the institution  
 11 of higher education is located; and

12                   (B) Includes a campus violence prevention committee and  
 13 campus threat assessment team.

14           (h) By August 1, 2010, the task force shall provide a report to the  
 15 Governor, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on  
 16 Education on its review under subsection (g)(1) of this section and its  
 17 recommendations under subdivision (g)(2) of this section.

18           (i)(1) The Department of Higher Education shall provide staff support  
 19 and assistance to the task force.

20           (2) As funds are appropriated and available, the department may  
 21 reimburse a member of the task force for mileage for attending meetings of  
 22 the task force at the rate established by the Department of Finance and  
 23 Administration.

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 25           SECTION 3. TEMPORARY. DO NOT CODIFY. By September 1, 2009, all  
 26 state-supported two-year and four-year institutions of higher education shall  
 27 provide to the Arkansas Safe Campus Security Task Force for its review under  
 28 this act a copy of the institution's plan dealing with campus security,  
 29 violence prevention, emergency response.

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 31           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 25-19-105(b), concerning the examination  
 32 and copying of public records, is amended to add an additional subdivision to  
 33 read as follows:

34                   (19)(A) Records, including analyses, investigations, studies,  
 35 reports, recommendations, requests for proposals, drawings, diagrams,  
 36 blueprints, and plans, containing information relating to security for any

1 institution of higher education.

2 (B) The records shall include:

3 (i) Risk and vulnerability assessments;

4 (ii) Plans and proposals for preventing and  
5 mitigating campus violence and security risks;

6 (iii) Emergency response and recovery records;

7 (iv) Security plans and procedures; and

8 (v) Any other records containing information that  
9 if disclosed might jeopardize or compromise efforts to secure and protect the  
10 students on the campuses of institutions of higher education in this state.

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