

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 801

5 By: Senator Luker
6 By: Representatives J. Edwards, G. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
11 FUNDING OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF
12 ARKANSAS AND ITS RELATED SERVICES AND FUNCTIONS;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE
17 FUNDING OF THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE
18 STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Creation of task force.*

24 *(a) There is created the Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the*
25 *Judicial System.*

26 *(b) The task force shall consist of the following seven (7) members:*

27 *(1) One (1) member of the Senate to be appointed by the*
28 *President Pro Tempore of the Senate;*

29 *(2) One (1) member of the House of Representatives to be*
30 *appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;*

31 *(3) One (1) member representing the Association of Arkansas*
32 *Counties to be appointed by the Executive Director of the Association of*
33 *Arkansas Counties;*

34 *(4) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Municipal League to*
35 *be appointed by the Executive Director of the Arkansas Municipal League;*

36 *(5) One (1) member representing the Arkansas Bar Association to*



1 be appointed by the President of the Arkansas Bar Association;

2 (6) A member of the Governor's staff designated by the Governor;

3 (7) The Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court or his or
4 her designee.

5 (c) If a vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be filled
6 by the same process as the original appointment.

7 (d) The members of the task force shall select a chair from their
8 membership.

9 (e) A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a
10 quorum for transacting any business of the task force.

11 (f) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation;
12 however,

13 (1) Legislative members of the task force shall be entitled to
14 receive reimbursement for expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the
15 same source as provided by law for members of the General Assembly attending
16 meetings of interim committees; and

17 (2) Non-legislative members of the task force may be entitled to
18 receive reimbursement for expenses from funds available for that purpose to
19 the state agency, association, or other entity they represent, at the
20 discretion of the Director of the state agency, association or other entity
21 they represent.

22 (g)(1) The task force may appoint and organize working groups
23 including non-task force members to study various topics as assigned by the
24 task force and to report their findings to the task force.

25 (2) The members of any working groups shall serve without
26 compensation, but may be reimbursed for expenses from funds available for
27 that purpose to the state agency, association, or other entity they
28 represent, at the discretion of the Director of the state agency, association
29 or other entity they represent.

30 (h) The Bureau of Legislative Research, the Division of Legislative
31 Audit, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Finance and
32 Administration, and the Auditor of State may, if requested, provide
33 administrative support, staff, research assistance, and data as requested by
34 the task force from funds available for that purpose, in the discretion of
35 the Director of the agency.

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1 *SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Duties of the Legislative Task Force on the*
 2 *Funding of the Judicial System.*

3 *The Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the Judicial System shall*
 4 *study:*

5 *(1) The current methods and adequacy of funding of the judicial*
 6 *system;*

7 *(2) Potential revenue sources for funding the judicial system;*

8 *(3) Adequacy of facilities, equipment, support staff and support*
 9 *services provided to the judicial system;*

10 *(4) Sharing of costs of the judicial system between state and*
 11 *local governments;*

12 *(5) Other issues as the task force may determine to be relevant.*

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 14 *SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Report of findings and expiration of task*
 15 *force.*

16 *(a) The Legislative Task Force on the Funding of the Judicial System*
 17 *shall report its findings and its recommendations for proposed legislation,*
 18 *if any, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker*
 19 *of the House of Representatives, the Senate Judiciary Committee, and the*
 20 *House Judiciary Committee by October 1, 2010.*

21 *(b) The task force shall cease to exist effective December 31, 2010.*

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