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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE  
9 PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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16 SEXUAL ABUSE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. (a) There is  
22 established the "Arkansas Task Force for the Prevention Through Education of  
23 Child Sexual Abuse".

24 (b) The purposes of the task force are to:

25 (1) Gather information concerning the prevalence of child sexual  
26 abuse throughout Arkansas;

27 (2) Receive reports and testimony from individuals, state and  
28 local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private  
29 organizations;

30 (3) Make recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the  
31 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
32 State Board of Education concerning evidence-based ways to prevent child  
33 sexual abuse through education; and

34 (4) Make recommendations to the Governor, the Speaker of the  
35 House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the  
36 State Board of Education regarding curricula directed at preventing child



1 sexual abuse through education.

2 (c) The task force shall consist of:

3 (1) The Commissioner of Education, or his or her designee;

4 (2) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services  
5 of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee;

6 (3) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police, or  
7 his or her designee;

8 (4) One (1) member appointed by the Governor;

9 (5) One (1) member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
10 Representatives;

11 (6) One (1) member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
12 Senate;

13 (7) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Association of  
14 Educational Administrators, or his or her designee;

15 (8) The Executive Director of the Arkansas School Boards  
16 Association, or his or her designee;

17 (9) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Education  
18 Association, or his or her designee;

19 (10) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Rural Education  
20 Association, or his or her designee;

21 (11) A representative from Arkansas Advocates for Children and  
22 Families;

23 (12) A representative from Arkansas Children's Hospital;

24 (13) A representative from the State Child Abuse and Neglect  
25 Prevention Board; and

26 (14) A representative from the Arkansas Prosecuting Attorneys  
27 Association.

28 (d)(1) The chair of the task force shall be elected by majority vote  
29 at the first meeting of the task force.

30 (2) All changes in task force chairmanship shall be decided by  
31 majority vote of the task force.

32 (e)(1) The task force shall meet at the times and places that the  
33 chair deems necessary but not less than four (4) times per year.

34 (2) Seven (7) members of the task force shall constitute a  
35 quorum for the purpose of transacting business.

36 (3) All actions of the task force are by quorum.

1       (f) The Department of Education shall staff the task force.

2       (g) All members of the task force may receive expense reimbursement as  
3 provided under § 25-16-902 to be paid by the Department of Education if funds  
4 are available.

5       (h)(1) By October 1, 2014, the chair of the task force shall provide a  
6 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the State Board of Education.

8               (2) The report shall identify:

9                       (A) Findings of the task force concerning the prevalence  
10 of child sexual abuse in Arkansas;

11                      (B) Recommendations of the task force toward adopting and  
12 implementing age-appropriate curricula for students in kindergarten through  
13 grade five (K-5) concerning child sexual abuse prevention;

14                      (C) Recommendations of the task force concerning the  
15 training of licensed and classified school personnel on the prevention and  
16 detection of child sexual abuse;

17                      (D) Recommendations of the task force concerning the  
18 training of parents and guardians on the warning signs of child sexual abuse;

19                      (E) Recommendations for the publication of counseling,  
20 assistance, services, and other resources for students affected by child  
21 sexual abuse; and

22                      (F) Recommendations of the task force for the emotional  
23 and educational support for a victim of child sexual abuse.

24       (i) The task force shall expire on May 1, 2015.

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