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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO
9 REVIEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR REGISTERED SEX
10 OFFENDERS ON PROBATION OR PAROLE; TO REVIEW OTHER
11 ISSUES REGARDING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 REVIEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR AND OTHER
17 ISSUES REGARDING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Creation.

25 (a) There is created the Arkansas Legislative Task Force for Review of
26 Travel Restrictions For Sex Offenders.

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 Committee on Judiciary or the chair's
30 designee;

31 (3) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary or the
32 chair's designee;

33 (4) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth or
34 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 Human Services or the director's designee;

3 (7) The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the
4 Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

5 (8) The Director of the Division of Youth Services of the
6 Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

7 (9) The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts or
8 the director's designee;

9 (10) The Chair of the Arkansas Coalition for Juvenile Justice or
10 the chair's designee;

11 (11) A sheriff appointed by the President of the Arkansas
12 Sheriffs' Association and a chief of police appointed by the President of the
13 Arkansas Association of Chiefs of Police;

14 (12) The Director of the Department of Arkansas State Police or
15 the director's designee;

16 (13) The Chair of the State Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
17 Board or the chair's designee;

18 (14) One (1) member of the Arkansas Child Abuse/Rape/Domestic
19 Violence Commission appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Arkansas
20 for Medical Sciences;

21 (15) A public defender who regularly appears in a circuit court
22 in the State of Arkansas appointed by the Director of the Arkansas Public
23 Defender Commission;

24 (16) A prosecutor who regularly appears in a circuit court in
25 the State of Arkansas appointed by the Prosecutor Coordinator;

26 (17) An attorney ad litem appointed by the Director of the
27 Administrative Office of the Courts;

28 (18) Two (2) members with specialized knowledge, skills, or
29 experience in the area of criminal law concerning sex offenses to be
30 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

31 (19) Two (2) members with specialized knowledge, skills, or
32 experience in the area of criminal law concerning sex offenses to be
33 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

34 (20) The Director of the Bureau of Legislative Research or the
35 director's designee.

36 (c)(1) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary or the chair's

1 designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of the
2 effective date of this act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

3 (2) At the first meeting, the task force shall elect from its
4 membership a chair and other officers as needed for the transaction of its
5 business.

6 (3)(A) The task force shall conduct its meetings at the State
7 Capitol.

8 (B) Meetings shall be held at least one (1) time every
9 three (3) months but may occur more often at the call of the chair.

10 (d) If any vacancy occurs on the task force, the vacancy shall be
11 filled by the same process as the original appointment.

12 (e) The task force shall establish rules and procedures for conducting
13 its business.

14 (f) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation but may
15 receive expense reimbursement according to § 25-16-902 if an appropriation is
16 made for that purpose and funds are available.

17 (g) A majority of the members of the task force constitutes a quorum
18 for transacting any business of the task force.

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

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22 SECTION 2. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Duties.

23 (a) The Arkansas Legislative Task Force for Review of Travel
24 Restrictions For Sex Offenders shall:

25 (1) Examine how the State of Arkansas monitors and tracks
26 registered sex offenders within its borders as well as registered sex
27 offenders who travel to or through Arkansas from another state;

28 (2) Determine the best practices to monitor and track the travel
29 of registered sex offenders by conducting national research or by using other
30 methods;

31 (3) Recommend more efficient methods of distributing and
32 spending limited public moneys to prevent improper or illegal travel by
33 registered sex offenders;

34 (4) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the
35 law in the form of bill drafts that will enable law enforcement to monitor
36 and track the travel of registered sex offenders in the State of Arkansas;

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2 (5) Provide the Legislative Council with a written explanation
3 of the recommended legislative changes.

4 (b) The task force shall make its final report and recommendations for
5 proposed legislation to the Legislative Council no later than October 1,
6 2014.

7 (c) The task force is dissolved on June 30, 2015.