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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1066

5 By: Senator J. English
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE ATTORNEY
9 CONTRACTING WITH RESPECT TO THE STATE; TO CREATE THE
10 *SENATE TASK FORCE ON STATE LITIGATION COUNSEL*
11 *RETENTION*; TO REGULATE THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS
12 WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS BY THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 *TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE*
17 *ATTORNEY CONTRACTING; TO CREATE THE*
18 *SENATE TASK FORCE ON STATE LITIGATION*
19 *COUNSEL RETENTION; AND TO REGULATE THE*
20 *PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE*
21 *ATTORNEYS BY THE STATE.*
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 *SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Senate Task Force on State Litigation*
28 *Counsel Retention.*

29 *(a) There is created the Senate Task Force on State Litigation Counsel*
30 *Retention.*

31 *(b) The task force shall consist of the following nine (9) members,*
32 *who shall be appointed by December 1, 2013:*

33 *(1) One (1) member of the Senate, who shall be appointed as the*
34 *chair of the task force by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;*

35 *(2)(A) Two (2) members of the Senate Committee on State Agencies*
36 *and Governmental Affairs, who shall be appointed by the Chair of the Senate*



1 Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

2 (B) One (1) member appointed under subdivision (b)(2)(A)
3 of this section shall be appointed from the majority party in the Senate, and
4 one (1) member appointed under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall be
5 appointed from the minority party in the Senate;

6 (3) One (1) representative of the Arkansas State Chamber of
7 Commerce, who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
8 from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas State Chamber of
9 Commerce;

10 (4) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Trial Lawyers
11 Association, who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
12 Senate from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Trial Lawyers
13 Association;

14 (5) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Bar Association, who
15 shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate from a list of
16 three (3) names submitted by the Arkansas Bar Association;

17 (6) One (1) representative of the American Tort Reform
18 Association, who shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
19 Senate from a list of three (3) names submitted by the American Tort Reform
20 Association;

21 (7) One (1) representative of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement
22 System, who shall be appointed by the Governor; and

23 (8) One (1) member appointed by the Attorney General.

24 (c) A vacancy on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as
25 provided for the initial appointment.

26 (d) The Bureau of Legislative Research shall provide staff support to
27 the task force.

28 (e) The task force shall:

29 (1) Study issues relating to the state's retention of outside
30 legal counsel;

31 (2) Develop specific recommendations relating to the state's
32 retention of outside legal counsel for review, consideration, and
33 implementation by the General Assembly; and

34 (3) Report its findings and recommendations, if any, to the
35 Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs between November
36 15, 2014, and December 15, 2014.

1 (f) The task force shall expire either the day after making the report
2 required under subdivision (e)(3) of this section or on December 16, 2014,
3 whichever is earlier.

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