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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 2159

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### For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO REVIEW TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR AND OTHER ISSUES REGARDING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS ON PROBATION OR PAROLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE CODIFIED. Creation.

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

(b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Governor or the Governor's designee;

(2) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary or the chair's designee;

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

(4) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Youth or the chair's designee;

(5) The Chair of the House Committee on Aging, Children and



Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs or the chair's designee;

(6) The Director of the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(20) The Director of the Arkansas Crime Information Center or the director's designee.

(c)(1) The Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary or the chair's designee shall call the first meeting within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act and shall serve as chair at the first meeting.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(4) Recommend to the General Assembly specific changes to the law in the form of bill drafts that will enable law enforcement to monitor

and track the travel of registered sex offenders in the State of Arkansas;  
and

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

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

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

*/s/E. Armstrong*

**APPROVED: 04/10/2013**