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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1298 OF 2013 CONCERNING THE
ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION THROUGH
EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; TO CHANGE THE NAME
OF THE TASK FORCE; TO EXTEND THE TASK FORCE; TO
EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE TASK FORCE; TO INSTRUCT THE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE TASK FORCE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND ACT 1298 OF 2013 CONCERNING THE
ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION
THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE;
AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection
(a), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(a) There is established the "Arkansas Legislative Task Force for ~~the~~
~~Prevention Through Education of Child Sexual Abuse~~ Prevention".

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection
(b), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read
as follows:



(5) Study any issue related to child abuse deemed relevant by the task force.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection (c), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(18) The President of the Centers for Youth and Families or his or her designee; and

(19) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services, or his or her designee.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subdivision (h)(1), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

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

SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection (i), of Act 1298 of 2013 is amended to read as follows:

(i) The task force shall expire on May 1, ~~2015~~ 2017.

SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. The Department of Education shall review the recommendations reported by the task force and make efforts to ensure that the recommendations are adopted and implemented to the best of the department's ability.

SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Task Force for the Prevention Through Education of Child Sexual Abuse has done great work over the past two (2) years; that the work of the task force is not complete; and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the task force is able to complete its work and make recommendations that can be implemented across the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,

and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

APPROVED: 03/20/2015