

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2009-004

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1252

By: Representative Everett

Filed with: House Interim Committee on Judiciary  
pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

Re-referred to: House Interim Committee on  
Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on 08-21-09.

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS TASK  
FORCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED AND JUVENILE SERVICES  
AND TREATMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMUNITY-BASED  
PROVIDERS TASK FORCE FOR COMMUNITY-BASED  
AND JUVENILE SERVICES AND TREATMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 76, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-76-114. Task Force on Community-Based Treatment Services.

(a) There is created the Task Force on Community-Based Treatment Services.

(b) The task force shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members as follows:

(1) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

(2) Two (2) members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro



1 Tempore of the Senate;

2 (3) Ten (10) advisory nonlegislative members appointed as  
3 follows:

4 (A) One (1) at-large member appointed by the Speaker of  
5 the House of Representatives;

6 (B) One (1) at-large member appointed by the President Pro  
7 Tempore of the Senate;

8 (C) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the  
9 House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

10 (D) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the  
11 Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor;

12 (E) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the  
13 House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military  
14 Affairs;

15 (F) One (1) at-large member appointed by the chair of the  
16 Senate Committee on Children and Youth;

17 (G) One (1) member to represent the Division of Youth  
18 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director of the  
19 Department of Human Services;

20 (H) One (1) member to represent the Division of Children  
21 and Family Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the  
22 Director of the Department of Human Services;

23 (I) One (1) member to represent the Division of Behavioral  
24 Health Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director  
25 of the Department of Human Services; and

26 (J) One (1) member to represent the Division of Medical  
27 Services of the Department of Human Services appointed by the Director of the  
28 Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services; and

29 (4) Seven (7) advisory nonlegislative members as follows:

30 (A) Four (4) members to represent the Arkansas Youth  
31 Service Providers Association appointed by the association;

32 (B) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Sheriffs'  
33 Association appointed by the association;

34 (C) One (1) juvenile judge appointed by the Judicial  
35 Council; and

36 (D) One (1) member to represent the Arkansas Advocates for

1 Children and Families appointed by the entity.

2 (c) The legislative members shall elect a chair and a vice chair.

3 (d) The chair shall call the first meeting no later than thirty (30)  
4 days after the effective date of this act.

5 (e) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum for  
6 transacting business.

7 (f)(1) The terms of the legislative members of the task force shall  
8 expire on December 31 of each even-numbered year.

9 (2) Advisory members of the task force shall serve at the  
10 pleasure of the organizations they represent.

11 (g) Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the  
12 initial appointment.

13 (h) The task force shall meet as the members deem necessary.

14 (i) The members shall serve without compensation.

15 (j) The task force shall receive staff support from the Bureau of  
16 Legislative Research.

17 (k)(1) The task force shall study:

18 (A) The development of community-based programs; and

19 (B) The types of community-based programs that can be  
20 developed to further reduce commitments to the Division of Youth Services of  
21 the Department of Human Services.

22 (2) On or before September 1 each year, the task force shall  
23 present a report of its findings to the House Committee on Aging, Children  
24 and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs and the Senate Committee on  
25 Children and Youth.