

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 1066

By: Senator J. English

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

TO PROVIDE TRANSPARENCY IN PRIVATE ATTORNEY CONTRACTING; TO CREATE THE SENATE TASK FORCE ON STATE LITIGATION COUNSEL RETENTION; AND TO REGULATE THE PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ATTORNEYS BY THE STATE.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Senate Task Force on State Litigation Counsel Retention.

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

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

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

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



Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(e) The task force shall:

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

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

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

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

/s/J. English