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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1535

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Task Force on Economic
Development – Creation.

(a) There is established a legislative task force to be known as the
“Legislative Task Force on Economic Development”.

(b) The task force shall be composed of the following seventeen (17)
members:

(1) Five (5) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of
the Senate as follows:

(A) Two (2) members of the Senate, one (1) of whom shall
be appointed to serve as cochair of the task force;

(B) One (1) representative of the transportation industry
in the state;

(C) One (1) owner or operator of a manufacturing business
located in the state; and

(D) One (1) owner or operator of a utility located in the
state;

(2) Five (5) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives as follows:



(A) Two (2) members of the House of Representatives, one (1) of whom shall be appointed to serve as cochair of the task force;

(B) One (1) representative of the financial industry in the state;

(C) One (1) owner or operator of a retail business located in the state; and

(D) One (1) owner or operator of a manufacturing business located in the state;

(3) Three (3) members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(A) One (1) representative of the Governor's office;

(B) One (1) representative of four-year colleges and universities in the state; and

(C) One (1) representative of two-year colleges in the state;

(4) The President of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce or his or her designee;

(5) The Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission or his or her designee;

(6) The President of the Arkansas Development Finance Authority or his or her designee; and

(7) The President of the Arkansas World Trade Center or his or her designee.

(c) The task force shall:

(1) Meet at a location within the state at the call of the cochairs; and

(2) Establish rules and procedures for conducting the business of the task force.

(d) Legislative members of the task force are entitled to per diem and mileage at the same rate authorized by law for attendance at meetings of interim committees of the General Assembly.

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

(f) Vacancies on the task force shall be filled in the same manner as provided for the initial appointment.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Duties.

The Legislative Task Force on Economic Development shall:

(1) Perform a detailed and comprehensive study of the strengths and weaknesses of the state with respect to attracting and maintaining businesses and manufacturers that promote economic development;

(2) Develop a comprehensive plan for increasing the state's ability to attract and maintain businesses and manufacturers that promote economic development;

(3) Seek input and gather information from appropriate sources to enable the task force to fulfill its duties under this section; and

(4) Report the written findings and recommendations of the task force to the Legislative Council and the Governor on or before January 15, 2016.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Expiration.

The Legislative Task Force on Economic Development shall expire on January 31, 2016.