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A Bill

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5   By: Representatives Baine, C. Armstrong, C. Fite, Gossage, Harris, D. Meeks, Petty, Richey, Sabin,

6   Wardlaw, Womack

7   By: Senator E. Williams

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9   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10   AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 1298 OF 2013 CONCERNING THE

11   ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION THROUGH

12   EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE; TO CHANGE THE NAME

13   OF THE TASK FORCE; TO EXTEND THE TASK FORCE; TO

14   EXPAND THE SCOPE OF THE TASK FORCE; TO INSTRUCT THE

15   DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

16   OF THE TASK FORCE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR

17   OTHER PURPOSES.

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20   **Subtitle**

21   TO AMEND ACT 1298 OF 2013 CONCERNING THE

22   ARKANSAS TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION

23   THROUGH EDUCATION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE;

24   AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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29   SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection

30   (a), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

31   (a) There is established the "Arkansas <u>Legislative</u> Task Force for ~~the~~

32   ~~Prevention Through Education of~~ Child ~~Sexual~~ Abuse <u>Prevention</u>".

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34   SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection

35   (b), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read

36   as follows:

1	(5) Study any issue related to child abuse deemed relevant by
2	the task force.
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4	SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection
5	(c), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read
6	as follows:
7	(18) The President of the Centers for Youth and Families or his
8	or her designee; and
9	(19) The Director of the Division of Child Care and Early
10	Childhood Education of the Department of Human Services, or his or her
11	designee.
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13	SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subdivision
14	(h)(1), of Act 1298 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
15	(h)(1) By Annually, beginning October 1, 2014, the chair of the task
16	force shall provide a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
17	Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the State Board
18	of Education.
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20	SECTION 5. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. Section 1, subsection
21	(i), of Act 1298 of 2013 is amended to read as follows:
22	(i) The task force shall expire on May 1, 2015 2017.
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24	SECTION 6. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. The Department of
25	Education shall review the recommendations reported by the task force and
26	make efforts to ensure that the recommendations are adopted and implemented
27	to the best of the department's ability.
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29	SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
30	General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Arkansas Task Force for
31	the Prevention Through Education of Child Sexual Abuse has done great work
32	over the past two (2) years; that the work of the task force is not complete;
33	and that this act is immediately necessary to ensure that the task force is
34	able to complete its work and make recommendations that can be implemented
35	across the state. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act
36	being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health,

1   and safety shall become effective on:

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

3   (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,

4   the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the

5   bill; or

6   (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is

7   overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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10   **APPROVED: 03/20/2015**

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